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Man's Arrest May Reveal Murder Mysteries

HELP MEXIA GROW

Water and fire are recognized, next to wine and war, as the most powerful forces of destruction known to God, nature and man. The God of Books says that hell is made up of the presence of one and absence of the other. Last summer when lawns were parching under the hot rays of the sun and gardens were wilting for need of water, the citizenship here urged that something be done to prevent a repitition of such an infernal catastrophe.

Now is the time to take corrective steps.

If Mexia is powerless today to act, let's know the reason why and dispense with the trouble "before summer's sunrise."

The water situation stands paramount above everything else, above arguments, above debates, above street cleaning, above home building, above local politics, above county elections, above state contests, above the Tea Pot Dome and above all other important matters now before the American public. It is a matter of health and happiness, a subject of expansion and progress, a problem of life itself.

What will Mexia do about it?

What can Mexia do about it?

These are the questions of the hour.

It's time to be up and doing.

The eighth chapter of Genesis tells the brief story of the annihilation of the human race, with the exception of Noah and his family and the savings of 120 years. Flood was used as the weapon of the Lord when Man forgot his Maker. The nineteenth chapter of the same Book chronicles the reduction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Fire and brimstone were used in their extermination.

Since that time both have existed to bless the children of men. Many instances have occurred since then when fire and flood, unharnessed and uncontrolled, have left death and destruction, havoc and suffering, wreck and ruin as monumental evidences of their might and main.

They are forces originally conceived to bless and not to curse, to aid and not to injure, to have and shield life and not to torment and finally take it.

God made them. Man, a free moral agent, blessed with brains and crowned with a conscience, must use them, if advantage be gained.

Mexia citizens ought to be at work on this problem while the fire-department is in its station, and not wade it in out fighting a big fire with a weak stream; now while there is plenty of moisture on the grass and in the sod and not when a mere trickle of water comes through the hydrants next summer.

The water is here. Mexia citizens know this to be true and the only question, after all, is, will Mexia vote a bond issue, if necessary, to provide adequate surplus storage right here at the city for emergency purposes.

The little "smoke stack" on the hill used as a water tower doesn't hold much more than enough water for the schools of the city for one day, much less for a city of from 8,000 to 10,000.

The ladies of the city are interested in a clean up campaign. In April delegates from all over this part of Texas will gather here for a district meeting of Women's clubs. Mexia should have on her best, for the ladies are coming. The cooperation of every citizen is urged and perhaps by then the street cleaner will be able to help keep the good work going.

Dr. W. R. Hodges, Sanitation Superintendent, states that if the house wives will see that the bottles and cans and debris around home premises are collected and placed in boxes or other receptacles near the streets, where they may be seen by the trash wagon drivers, that they will be hauled off without expense to the individual. Much time is lost, and at a great expense, he says, by the city in this work, when they find that their employes have to do what the home owners ought to do, and have to get off their wagons and hunt for the trash pile or perhaps even scrape it up from all over a lot.

A Teague grocery truck, bringing goods to Mexia, got stuck in an alley here Saturday. There are two phases to that story deserving editorial comment, but they both make us blush so red that we can't put it in black and white.

Four Convicts Die In Alabama Prison Blaze

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 16.—Four convicts were burned to death and $100,000 damage was done when fire destroyed the main building at the flat top prison last night. The fire was not of incendiary origin, officials said. No escapes and no panic.

John Phillips Is Optimistic After Trip to Markets

John Phillips, manager of Karner and Phillips, returned the past week from market centers, where he carefully studied the displays of leading wholesalers of New York, St. Louis and other points and where he made such purchases as will give the local establishment the largest line of timely offerings which it has ever assembled at one season for the surrounding section.

Mr. Phillips states that 1924 is to be a prosperous period for his part of Texas, that prospects point to a season of progress, of which Mexia is to be the center, and that he is anxious for his store to reflect in detail the "Go Forward" spirit which has made Mexia the best known city of 10,000 population in the southwest.

He is anxious to see Mexia's trade territory expand this year, reaching more farmers from a greater distance, and consequently has made his purchases to please the most fastidious of the community as well as to meet the demands of those who look for simpler materials, but none the less of real quality and service.

In his trip East, he found that Texas was in the spotlight, due in no small way to the articles by such noted writers as Arthur Brisbane, Theodore H. Price and others as well as to the publicity concerning the contemplated Texas Centennial exposition.

Of great interest he found new creations for Mi-lady and smart suggestions for children and his purchases were made knowing that the demand for high grade merchandise for spring and summer would be more exacting than ever.

Mr. Phillips reports business constantly growing better in Mexia and Saturday was just another busy and better day for Karner & Phillips, he declared, while he checked up on latest goods just arrived.

Nowlin Auxiliary Serves Valentine Dinner To Post

Nowlin Post Auxiliary served a valentine dinner to members of the post and their guests last Tuesday evening. The tables were made beautiful with decorations of red hearts and candles and small valentines used as place cards. The menu prepared and cooked in their own kitchen at Legion Hall, consisted of baked ham with strawberry beets and corn pudding, baked apple salad with mayonaise, heart-shaped biscuits and butter, red gelatined fruit with heart-shaped cookies, tiny red hearts of mint candy, tea and coffee. The centerpiece of each table was a big red Jack Horner pie, from which each guest drew his portion. Although not coming this pie proved quite a success and was thoroughly enjoyed.

This especial program being under the auspices of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Eugene Teter, who is our only member of both Legion and Auxiliary, was asked to preside and did so in her always efficient and charming manner. An informal social evening followed the dinner.

TRAVELING POST OFFICES

MOSCOW.—Because of the great distances in Russia between post offices, a system of traveling post-offices has been established. A postman with the necessary stamps, seals, etc., will visit remote villages once a week, deliver mail, sell stamps, accept letters, money orders, etc., and then move on to the next village.

Meeting Of Baseball Fans Monday Night

Jesse McLendon, president of the Mexia Gushers, has issued a call for all baseball fans in this community to be present at a meeting to be held in the Hurdleston Hotel Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All lovers of the sport who wish to see the Mexia club on an equal with the best clubs in the league are especially urged to be present. No live town wishes to be without a live baseball club and no live baseball club can exist in a dead town. The co-operation of all the fans is needed to help put over a winning club for this year that will duplicate if not excell the excellent record made by the Gushers last year.

A good start has been made toward producing an organization of the best class here but only the backing that comes from loyal, interested patrons can keep the thing going. Come and be on time.

DENBY EXPECTED TO QUIT SOON IS RUMORED IN NAVY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The resignation of Secretary of the Navy Denby as a result of the abrupt halting by President Coolidge of the dirigible Shenandoah's North Pole trip was reported in navy circles to be imminent.

Denby, it was said, among navy officers, felt this more keenly than he did the adoption of the Senate resolution condemning him in connection with the naval oil reserves and demanding that he resign.

In other quarters it was intimated that Mr. Coolidge may have taken this step to afford Denby an opportunity to quit the Cabinet voluntarily.

LAREDO, Texas, Feb. 16.—Apparently reliable reports received here today told of the execution of four officers of the De la Huerta revolutionary forces in Nuevo Laredo Friday. The officers reported to have faced a firing squad are: General Larralde, Colonels Dortio Solis, and Encarnacion Morales, and Major Edurado Arreyano. The men sang songs of the rebellion as they went to their death, the reports said. The four were captured at Monterey and brought here with fifteen other prisoners Thursday. They were court-martialed immediately and sentenced to be shot a few hours later. The remaining fifteen have not yet been sentenced.

MRS. WATKINS SURPRISED BY FRIENDS WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Owen F. Watkins, East Hopkins street was tendered a surprise birthday party Wednesday evening. Her friends arrived in a group bringing with them a white cake with sixteen lighted candles. Punch was served during the evening, games were played, an enjoyable time was had by all.

Mrs. Watkins was the recipient of many lovely gifts and good wishes.

BAYLOR CHORAL CLUB COMING TO MEXIA

The Baylor Choral Club of Belton will be here Tuesday, Feb. 26th. This announcement was made late Saturday. Arrangements will be made at an early date as to the place where the club will entertain.

COMMISSIONERS TO REPLY TO CHARGES OF MAYOR

Following the appearance of the article in Friday's issue of the Mexia Daily News, signed by Mayor Ernest Watson, in which he discusses various civic questions, calling attention to lack of harmony between him and the Commissioners, J. R. Forrest and W. C. Wilson, Commissioners today signed the following statement:

TO THE PUBLIC -

Regretting the necessity of having to publish an answer to the Mayor's article that appeared in this paper last Friday, we, your City Commissioners, are due you a brief statement of the conditions that now, and have existed continuously since our election. There has been considerable propaganda put out on the streets from time to time, eminating from our Mayor, indicating disturbed conditions and lack of harmony in our official family, and we have endured all along, hoping no harm was being done the administration of the city's affairs, and that we might come to have a common and proper conception of our relative duties, repsonsibilities and privileges under the law, but it seems we have been unable to agree along these lines, and shall never reach the same conclusion. The entire trouble has been caused from the fact that our Mayor asserts unto his office, sole authority to conduct the city's affairs, and disregards the plain provisions of the law defining the responsibilities and duties of the Commissioners. Kindly withhold your opinion until we can publish our statement for the public within a few days.

Respectfully,
J. R. FORREST,
W. C. WILSON.

1180 Poll Taxes Paid In Mexia

According to the records at the office of city tax collector R. D. Morgan approximately $70,000 in city taxes have been collected to the present. Delinquent notices are being made out now and it is thought that by next week they will all be out.

The records also show 1180 poll taxes paid.

MEMORIAL BUILDING FOR MEXIA TO BE SUBJECT DISCUSSED BY LEGIONNAIRES TUESDAY NIGHT

At the next dinner by the Nowlin Post of the American Legion to be held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday evening, February 19th, at 7:00 P. M., the subject to be discussed is "Why Mexia Needs a Memorial Building."

A large number of representative citizens of Mexia not members of the American Legion will be guests on that occasion, and will deliver addresses. At this meeting, plans will be determined for the launching of a campaing in Mexia for the building of this much needed institution.

These dinners are served at the small cost of fifty cents, and the Legion is especially anxious to get every ex-soldier in Mexia, whether a member of the American Legion or not, to attend this meeting, as the success of the undertaking is to a large extent dependent upon the interest manifested by the veterans of the World War themselves. Members are urged to arrange their affairs to attend this dinner. Nowlin Post, American Legion feels that in so doing a valuable service will be rendered toward Mexia. Those who can attend this meeting, kindly notify Legion officials so that the Woman's Auxiliary can have advance information on how many plates to prepare for the dinner.

It is essential that all unite in a supreme effort to obtain for Mexia a public auditorium which will be of inestimable worth to its entire citizenship.

Lieut. Griffis Greeted Back in America.

Lieut C. H. Griffis, wife

Lieutenant Corliss Hooven Griffis is shown as he was greeted by American Legion members in New York, upon his return from a German prison, from which he was pardoned for his attempt to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious millionaire draft dodger of Philadelphia.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO CONSIDER PARK EQUIPMENT PLANS

Mrs. W. W. Barnett, President of the Civic League, has called a meeting of the membership to meet next Thursday at 3:00 p. m. The meeting will be held in the Libraary and a large attendance is urged. Among the important matters to be considered will be plans to improve the Hughes City Park, equipping it for its most advantageous use to the children of the community and making it a beautiful asset to the city and section.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN

McKinney and Carthage Sts.
Rev. Victor K. Aubrey, pastor.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Bible classes for all ages.
Morning service 11 a. m.
Sermon "Friendship according to Jesus." by pastor.
Conference of Canvas Workers at 11:15 a. m.
Led by Ben F. Stollenwerck, director.
Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.
Senior Endeavor, 6:15 p. m.
Evening Service, 7:15 p. m.
Sermon "Slaying Sin"
Quartette "The Hand that Was Wounded for Me." by Towner, sung by Mrs. Allen L. Hatch, Mrs. W. M. Wallace, Mr. J. D. Arrington, Rev. V. K. Arrington.
Monday: Woman's Missionary Society. 3:30 p. m.
Wednesday, 7:15 p. m. Bible Study on Prayer.
Wednesday, 8:15 p. m. Choir practice.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 16.—Coal operators and miners of the Central Competitive Field here to attempt to negotiate a new wage agreement, took a holiday today after a week of wrangling.

Mrs. Tom Bounds and two daughters, Mrs. Jace Floyd and Mrs. Dewey Miller, all of Tehuacana, were visitors to Mexia Saturday.

Judge Fountain Kirby was up from Groesbeck Saturday telling the people that he wants to be county judge for another term.

ELKS TO CONDUCT FUNERAL SERVICE FOR CHARELS MANN

Mexia B. P. O. Elks will conduct the funeral services for Charles R. Mann Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the J. I. Riddle Undertaking Parlors.

Relatives are due to arrive in time for the service, following which the body will be returned to Denver for final interment.

Frank Bolton, Exalted Ruler and Charlie Clover, Secretary, of Mexia Elks lodge urge a large attendance at the service.

"Dapper Don" Collins Arrested While Police Hunt For Girl Slayer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The arrest in Paris of "Dapper Don" Collins may cast light on some most widely discussed crimes in recent years. Collins is supposed to have information about the mysterious slaying of Joseph Bowen Elwell four years ago. Also in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director. Police recalled his cabaret activities here in their search for the slayers of Louise Lawson. The Dot King murder also caused the police to search Collins. Police believe if extradition can be arranged a third degree may cause him to make revelations clearing up many of these crimes.

NEW OIL FIELD IS OPENED AT HUTCHINSON KANSAS

HUTCHINSON, Kans., Feb. 16.—The oil well brought in on the Welch farm fourteen miles northeast of here marking the opening of a new field, is flowing 360 barrels a day. That flow was obtained with the bit four feet in the sand and drillers have decided to leave it undisturbed, although they are confident that a heavier flow could be obtained by drilling deeper. A new well will be drilled immediately beside the one producing and experiments will be conducted in the new hole.

The well which came in Thursday night, was at first declared to be a gusher when streams of oil shot up over the derrick. However, apparently only a small pocket of gas has been struck and the well ceased to "spout" oil after a few hours.

Geologists declare they believe the largest pool in Kansas is in this section, as drainage from both Eastern and Western fields is believed to center near here.

OFFICERS RAID ON STILL SUCCESSFUL

Equipped with a search warrant, Deputies John McBay, Albert Mace and District Attorney Chester H. Machen raided a farm about 4 miles South of town, late Saturday, and captured 6 barrels of mash, 4 one hundred pound barrels of sugar and other accessories of what Judge Osborne Kennedy calls a 'first class still." He also states that one arrest was made, W. M. Strain being lodged in jail on a charge of manufacturing whiskey and also with possession.

AGED VISITOR HIT BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Doctor Bennett of Oklahoma, 84, on a visit with his son, H. D. Bennett of this city, was hit by an automobile driven by some ladies in front of the Cox-Forrest Drug Company's store on Commerce and Sherman Saturday afternoon. His injuries are understood not to be serious, which will delight the many friends of the family and a distinct relief to the unfortunate young ladies.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 16.—Charges with inciting a mutiny on the steamer City of Alton shortly after the vessel left Antwerp, Belgium, Samuel C. Taylor, former boatswain of the boat is in jail here today.

J. R. Dulaney, commissioner for precinct number 4 was a visitor to the city Saturday.

HUGH L. ADAMSON DIES EARLY SATURDAY

Hugh L. Adamson, 44, died at his home at 833 East Commerce street early Saturday morning of paralysis. Mr. Adamson had been sick for some time prior to his death and a stroke of paralysis coming shortly before was too much for his weakened constitution to bear. Death occurred about 1:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and burial will take place in the Mexia cemetery. Rev. G. T. Reaves, pastor of the First Christian church will officiate. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Jno. R. Corley Undertaking Company.

Active pall bearers at the funeral will be: H. L. Spikes, Ben Smith, Ozie Lewis, A. W. Holton, W. A. Posey, Phil Karner, Hugh Freeman and Ed Mealsels. Honorary pall bearers are: E. C. Lee, P. P. Brousard, F. L. Sheeks, S. D. Jardell, D. L. Rusk, of Beaumont, Texas; J. P. Lindley, Finis Peyton, and T. B. Poindexted of Wortham; Ben Stollenwerck Dick Waggner, J. P. Dunaway, Hamp Gibson, W. B. Kendrick, John Evertz, John Vaughan, Tom Nolan, G. A. Lyell, James Stanberry, Frank Vickers, Dr. D. H. Dorsett, Ruben Storey, Rush Hickman, Claude King, T. A. Griffith, Dr. M. M. Brown, Dr. T. F. Oates, and Dr. Van Wert of Mexia.

Mr. Adamson was born in Mexia in 1880, and was the son of W. L. Adamson, one of the oldest citizens of Mexia. Practically all of his life he lived as a citizen of this city. He had been a resident of Beaumont, where he was employed by Southern Pacific Railroad for a number of years. After a stroke of paralysis about two years ago he returned to Mexia where he lived until his death.

The deceased leaves a wife and two children, Hugh and Harold Adamson, who are attending Allen Academy at Bryan. He also leaves four brothers, and a sister, Mrs. B. W. Simmons of Mexia. Of the brothers, Sam Adamson and Roger Adamson reside here, while W. H. Adamson is at Chicago University at Chicago and R. L. Adamson is in Los Angeles, California, where he is engaged in the engineering profession.

PARIS.—Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer wife of the president of the Press Publishing company which publishes the New York Morning and Evening World has filed an application for divorce here. No details are given. Pulitzer is one of the foremost newspaper publishers in the country. He married Miss Frederica Vanderbilt Webb in 1905.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Negotiations to settle the dock workers strike, effective at noon, have broken down, was announced this evening.

Friday Club Hears Federation Talk By Lady From Commerce At Meeting Eighth of February

On Friday, Feb. 8th, the Friday Club met at its usual hour with Mrs. White presiding. The program, as outlined, was dispensed with and Mrs. White in her gracious way, introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Maloney of Commerce, the District president. Quite an interesting and instructive talk on the work of the Federation was made by Mrs. Maloney. She stressed, especially the efforts to bring about the World's Peace and urged all the women to vote for the same. At the close, the Club adjourned to the home of Mrs. J. Desenberg where a lovely buffet luncheon was served. The refreshments consisted of chicken salad, red apples, pickled olives, mints, nuts, stuffed dates, two kinds of sandwiches, marshmallow pudding, tea and coffee. Mesdames Sam Cox, Will Wright, Desenberg and Miss Elsie Desenberg acted as hostesses. The out of town guests were Mrs. Maloney of Commerce, Mrs. Dr. Brown of Groesbeck, Mrs. Kelley of Groesbeck and Mrs. Roy Eli of Hearne.

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A FAR REACHING ORGANIZATION

As little as may be thought about it, no greater move of more far reaching consequences for the uplift and betterment of this community has taken place in Mexia in many many months than the work that has resulted in the organization and activity of the Boy Scouts of this city and surrounding section.

Much praise is due J. P. Dunnaway, Paul Harper, George Willets, Warren Dale, Z. Rochelle, Mr. Booker and the others who are giving their time unselfishly to the work of developing young manhood here through very worthy troop organizations of Boy Scouts. They should be encouraged and all civic institutions and business concerns should give their help unstinted and their praise in most generous terms.

In the old days the strap and hickory stick were used to correct growing youth when it strayed from paths of rectitude and propriety. The world was long in finding out that the doctrine of Do is more powerful than the doctrine of Don't and that the best way to keep busy bodies out of badness is to furnish them with something that will constantly occupy their minds, hands and feet.

The faults of little children, of boys and girls, are largely the result of ignorance, accident and the forgetfulness of immature minds, on the one side, or the far off adult viewpoint on the other. Boys try to fit themselves into a man's world much harder than parents try to make a world for them.

But while thinking of the boys, don't forget the girls.

To develop the boys and forget the girls is to do less than half the job, for greater results may be achieved in the Boy Scouts organization, if the Camp Fire Girls are brought into being with the same zeal and interest. One will help the other.

Thus Mexia will grow better and better.

THE CHURCH DESERVES YOUR THANKS

"Yes, he even believes all those Bible myths," and the speaker carelessly flipped the ashes from his cigarette with an air of ultra superiority. Three men were discussing a fourth who had passed their table in a restaurant.

The three prided themselves upon having, as they would put it, graduated from their early belief in the Bible and now with their wisdom of mature years felt themselves capable of picking those parts of the Holy Writ which impressed them as worthy of belief and casting to the dogs the rest.

This habit of easy scoffing at the Bible, Christianity and the church is not harmless. Just as belief grows with practice, so the habit of scoffing feeds upon itself.

This is not the only year in which "intellectuals" have held the Bible to ridicule, yet the Bible still stands as the world's greatest book, and the Christ is looked upon by our greatest thinkers as the supreme figure of history.

Scoffers and others have a tremendous debt to the church, yet many of them will not even render thanks on the day when the nation as a result of long habit bows in humble allegiance to the Lord of the harvest.

Only those who have lived in countries where the Bible is not revered can appreciate to the full, what that book has meant to the civilization of America.

Let us stop debating and give thanks. Let the churches have the time and attention and money to which they are entitled.

The churches of Mexia invite you today.

CITIZENSHIP
Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair

TEN THINGS TO REMEMBERED

Among other things to be remembered by the citizen hip are the following:

1. The value of Time
2. The pleasure of working.
3. The success of perseverance.
4. The worth of character.
5. The virtue of patience.
6. The wisdom of economy.
7. The obligation of duty.
8. The power of a smile.
9. The profit of experience.
10. The joy of achievement.

PRESIDENTS AND THE LAW

In 1831, Edward C. Delavan, of Albany, New York, secured the signature of James Madison (President) to the declaration given below. He subsequently presented the same document and secured the signature of every succeeding President thereto, down to and including Andrew Johnson, with the exception of Henry Harrison, who died before Mr. Delavan had an opportunity to present him with the paper, which follows:

"Being satisfied from observation and experience, as well as from medical testimony that ardent spirits, as a drink, are not only needless but harmful; and that the entire disuse of it would tend to promote the health, the virtue and the happiness of the community, we hereby express our conviction, that should the citizens of the United States and especially all young men, discontinue the use of it they would not only promote their own personal benefit but the good of the country and the world."

Signed by James Madison, John Q. Adams, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson.

Abraham Lincoln said: "Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap. Let it be taught in the schools, seminaries and colleges; preached from the pulpit proclaimed in legislative halls; enforced in courts of justice. In short let it become the political religion of the nation."

Theodore Roosevelt said: "Ours is a government of liberty, by, through, and under the law. No man is above it and no man is below it. This is not and never shall be a government either of plutocracy or of a mob. It is, it has been and it will be a government of the people; including alike the people of great wealth, of moderate wealth, the people who employ others, the people who are employed, the wage worker, the lawyer, the mechanic, the banker, the farmer; including them all, protecting every one if he acts decently and squarely, and discriminating against any one of them no matter from what class he comes, if he does not act squarely and fairly, if he does not obey the law."

At a mass meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., Sunday January 13, 1924, the Church of President Harding, Senator Frank B. Willis, in a stirring address, closed with the following statement:

"The President of the United States says: 'Educate the children as to the evils of liquor. Let every inhabitant make known his determination to support law and order; that duty is supreme. I propose to give that support and protection to the limit, provided by the Constitution and the law of the land against every lawless element.'"

"President Harding said: 'Whatever objection there is to the so-called invasion of personal liberty does not hold when the supremacy of law and the stability of our institutions are menaced. I do not see how any citizen who cherishes the protection of law in organized society may feel secure when he himself is the example of contempt for law. Lawless drinking is a menace to the Republic itself. There must be no issue in this land paramount to that of the enforcement of the law."

Texas And Taxes

By Chas. E. Baughman

We are told by practically every candidate for a State office that the cost of State government in Texas is entirely too great, that there is an excessive waste of the people's money and that the tax rate could be materially reduced by abolishing and consolidating certain of our State Departments.

At the same time these candidates tell us that we should have longer and better Public Free Schools, we should raise the standards for higher education, that we should improve conditions at all our eleemosynary institutions, giving the inmates thereof better buildings in which to while away their lives, that we should build more and better highways and that otherwise we should seek to progress socially and economically.

I, too, believe we should have more more and better schools. I believe we should be able to pay our teachers better salaries and that every wise inducement should be offered the children of this State to take advantage of our Public Free Schools, that we should be in a postion to offer to the young people of this State the very best there is in higher education, that we should care for the inmates of our eleemosynary institutions in the very best possible way, that we should build more and better highways, and I believe that we should undertake to progress in full keeping with the vastness of our wonderful opportunities, with our natural resources, in keeping with the desires of men, that the State may become the leading State of this Nation.

With these ideas in mind let us analyze just a little:

Texas, through her natural resources and industry in general, has an annual income around Four Billion Dollars. This is more than her tax rendered values.

For all local and State government purposes we spend, according to available statistics $19.42 per capita, $8.41, or 43.3 per cent of this being for education.

In the matter of per capita expenditures, we stand 41th and in expenditures for educational purposes we stand 36th.

Now let us reason together just a little while:

Forty-three States of the Union spend more money per capita for local and State purposes, while thirty-five states of the Union lead Texas in the expenditure of funds for educational purposes.

We wonder if there is any connection in the above statement that would indicate to the people of Texas that appropriate expenditures for local and State government is conducive to improvement in educational programs and systems.

Laws, explicit laws, are necessary to every phase of life's activity—hence the old adage "those least governed are best governed" is not applicable in this present day.

It has always been necessary that we have laws. God understood this fully when He passed to Moses the tablets of stone bearing thereon the ten commandments. Man without laws to govern him would be worse than the beasts of the field. Man, the climax of God's creation is indeed less respondent to law than the beasts of the field. If you do not believe this statement, study carefully the traits of the beasts, the lower animals, study the workings of nature and to your surprise you will find that I am correct. Therefore, it is not that we have the laws that people show disrespect for the rights of others, but the trouble lies in the failure to apply the provisions of the several laws as they should be.

This leads up to the statement that I desire to thoroughly impress upon the minds of the reader.

Our total rendition values, for State purposes, is little more than three billion dollars, considerably less than the total income of the State.

The truth of the business is, our visable values in this State that should be subject to taxation will exceed ten billion dollars and one real serious thought on the part of the reader, the part of the voter, the part of the candidate for office, should reveal to him the fact that if we continue to use our present taxing system, that is to apply it as it is applied, there is no living man, rich or poor, high or low, educated or uneducated, who can evolve any system or plan through which we can reduce the tax rate and if a man is sufficiently qualified to hold the office which he aspires, he knows that this statement is entirely correct, and his statements to the contrary should serve to disqualify him in the minds of the people of this State from holding office. Any right-minded man, however, with the right Legislature, can shift our tax budrens.

They tell you they would abolish certain phases of State activity.

We have ten departments, almost wholly dependent upon the State's available revenues for their maintenance, viz, the Board of Control, the Board of Water Engineers, the State Mining Board, the Reclamation Department, the Industrial Accident Board, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Department of Agriculture, the Markets and Warehouse Department, the Live Stock Sanitary Commission and the State Board of Health. All of these are creatures of the Legislature and are subject to abolishment in their entirety, provided it was so decided. The total appropriations for these ten departments for fiscal year ending August 31st, 1924 is approximately $900,000, while the total appropriations for the entire twenty-six State Departments is around three million dollars for same year.

The remainder of the twenty-six State departments, those not listed in the ten as above pointed out, are either creatures of the Constitution or are selfsustaining through a tax upon the special interests that the department serves to regulate.

In the matter of abolishment then, we will say that the Legislature abolishes the ten departments above, that not one dime of this $900,000 is appropriated for other purposes. What would be the saving? $900,000, of course, but what about reducing the tax rate just exactly 2.1 percent, or we could deduct from this 75 cent rate exactly 1.6 cents, making the actual rate 73.4 cents.

Do you want to get at the bottom of this affair? Do you want to know the truth? And when you are satisfied about the truth, will you profit thereby?

I will tell you where the whole trouble lies.

It is in the hidden values of this State. Twice as many values are escaping the tax assessors' lists as get on it.

The present way of accepting the first day of January as the basis of rendition of values is the most serious matter with which we must deal and unquestionably our greatest stumbling block.

Our Constitution is plain on the question of taxation. No man who is qualified to serve the people as their representative in the Legislature could fail to understand its provisions, no man who is qualified to serve the people as their Governor could fail to comprehend the full meaning of it.

Were I a candidate for Governor of this State, I would go before the people on a platform based entirely upon common sense, reason and honesty of purpose and I would tell them frankly, plainly, truthfully, that unless we change our levying system for taxation, unless we get the hidden values, we would never be able to reduce the tax rate to the extent that it would be noted by those who now bear the burdens of taxation.

I would tell them that there are more than six billion dollars of values that are now escaping the rendition lists, that Texas, although spending some money unwisely, wasting perhaps some, is not as expensive in her government as the politicians would have you believe.

I would tell them that without a change in levying taxes, in assessing values for taxation, we could not have longer and better schools, that we could not improve conditions at the eleemosynary institutions, that we could not raise the standards for higher education and that to abolish even the ten departments as pointed out before, would not make an appreciable reduction in the tax rate possible.

I would tell them to elect a legislature that would help me to get the hidden values, to help me to levy taxes in full accord with the constitution, to make taxes uniform, and that we would reduce the tax rate in this State to FIFTY CENTS on the ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS VALUATION, inclusive of the present contsitutional levy of forty cents. This reduction can be made, should be made, and would be made if our people would go at it in the right way.

I would, as a result of this, provide for better and longer schools. I would improve conditions at eleemosynary institutions, I would raise standards for higher education, I would make our Judiciary assume the top-most place in American jurisprudence, our several State Departments would operate to protect the people against the greed and graft of the special interests and would be administrted in an economical way. I would tell them I would care for agriculture in its every phase; I would tell them frankly that the creation of large departments through a consolidation of many departments leads to reduced efficiency, that it is conducive to corruption, that it makes possible the building up of political machines through which men perpetuate themselves in office. I would tell them that the creation of large departments, administered by a one-man power, instead of a co-operative or plural power, tends toward increased appropriations in the end.

I happen not to have the necessary money with which to make such a campaign. I have been tendered the full legal amount, to be raised through subscriptions from the people of the State in an open and above-board way, but I can't see my way clear to do that, but some day I may decide to make the race for Governor, and should I do so, I will come clean with the people and tell them facts, such facts as can be proven by figures.

Platform declarations are but the personal opinions of candidates. Too often these are copyright, shop worn, thread bare and serve no purpose other than to becloud the real issues.

The issue in this campaign is, or should be to say the least of it, a reduction in the tax rate and the only way to get this reduction is to bring from their hiding places the more than six billion dollars of values that are now escaping the rendition lists. This, coupled with a full and complete enforcement of all our laws, through a constructive program, building for the future, as well as the present, is all that any well meaning people could ask for.

If you think I am right, then demand of your candidates for the Legislature, your candidates for Governor, that they will do their dead-level best to make taxes in this State equal and uniform and that they will protect the people in their just and legal rights.

I want to warn the fathers and mothers of Texas school children, that if the tax rate be reduced and we fail to go after the hiden values, that now escape, the schools will suffer an irreparable damage. Taking the full twelve months of the year as a basis for rendition, the enactment of an income tax measure, a severance tax in keeping with the Constitution, will produce sixty million dollars through a fifty cent advalorem rate.

Let's demand that these hidden values be taxed, then reduce the rate and lift a part of the burdens from those who now bear the greater portion of it.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Woman's Home Missionary Society mets at Baptist Church 3:30 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Society at Central Presbyterian Church at 3:30 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Society at First Methodist Church at 3:30 p. m.

Tuesday

American Legion meets at Legion Hall at 7:00 p. m.

Bridge Club meets.

Wednesday

Delphian Chapter meets.

Prayer meeting at all local churches.

Thursday

High School Parent Teacher Association meets.

Civic Club meets.

Rotary luncheon at Majestic Cafe. 12:15 p. m.

7A Literary Club meets at McKinney Street Grammar School 3 p. m.

Friday

Friday Club meets.

Lions Club luncheon at Majestic Cafe at 12:30 p. m.

All Scout Troops meet. Troops one and four at Baptist church, troop 2 at Methodist church, troop 3 at First Christian. All meet at 7 p. m.

George Washington dance at Elks Club Friday evening.

Saturday

Junior Dramatic Club meets Saturday morning.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

MAD DOGS FAVOR THE POOR.

(San Antonio Express)

Out of 595 patients treated for rabies, or its expected symptoms, at the State Pasteur Institute in Austin during 1923, only four of them failed to make the sworn statement that they were unable to pay the $25 fee exacted of those who have the "dough." Two of the four were Mexicans from Tampico.

Medical officers in charge of the institute, and they are warranted by the facts, glean from this showing the belief that dogs never bite anybody save the poor. Cats bit 26 persons; cows chewed into 11; 510 by dogs; 6 by horses; 1 by a mule; 3 by rats; 35 by skunks; 1 by a wolf and 3 were disfigured on some portion of their anatomies by men. One of the patients received 21 bites and 370 got more than one bite.

These statistics present an interesting study from many angles. It is perfectly apparent either that only the needy are bitten or that 595 people journeyed to Austin and there committed perjury. It is soothing to believe that they told the truth. Of course, comparatively few opulent persons frequent spots where cows, mules and skunks disport themselves and there may be something to the tradition that poverty serves to increase the liking for the companionship of dogs. Aside from all this however, the Pasteur institute has done a wonderful public service and in 1923 it did it for an outlay of only $1792. If other institutions could present a record like that, or even approaching it comparably, the red marks on the ledgers of the treasury would not be so distinct.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School at 9:45. A class and a place for every age. Visitors invited to meet with us.

Worship and preaching at 11:00. Subject of the sermon: "God's Garden of Life." This is a special sermon in keeping with the day (Child Welfare Day.) I am depending on the parents to make a special effort to see that their children hear this sermon, and I am also depending on the children to see that their parents are present. At the evening hour the Christian Endeavor will give a special program entitled, "The Keepers of the Light." There will not be any preaching services in the evening as this play will be given at the regular service hour, 7:30.

G. T. REAVES, Minister.

A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME

A Home needs Religion and Religion needs a Church.

If you live here, why not have a CHURCH HOME?

This Church offers its fellowship to you.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Bonham and Milam
E. H. Hudson, Pastor

11:00 A. M.
"AN OLD FASHIONED HOME"

7:30 P. M.
"A LOST BIBLE"

Ready for Your Selection!

NEW DRESSES For Spring Wear

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N THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTS

e writing the article in Fri-'s paper I have been very cautious ut putting in a prominent appear- on the streets for fear that some the gentlemen mentioned in that cle might be correct in their picions concerning my identity and appropriate actions enable Osborne nnedy to hang a revengeful thorn my flesh in the shape of a fine. pecially have I trod the precincts the News Publishing Company with r and trembling.

came down town this morning, wever, in very good spirits. Having sine with Judge Gresham I found it he was engaged in the Justice urt and went over there. On ar- ing I discovered that the room was wded with people, and what seem- to be a very important case was in ogress. At the door stood a lady d a man evidently her husband. I k a stand to one side waiting to tch the eye of Judge Gresham and ile waiting thus I overheard the dy say to her companion in a rather oduced voice:

"What an awful looking old villain e prisoner is."

"Sh-h-h!" said her husband. "That nt the prisoner, that's Aaron Ren- lds. He's a lawyer in the case."

A moment later I managed to con- ude my business with Mr. Gresham nd went down on the streets for esh air.

Owen Watkins, Ernest Watson and Forrest were standing in a group ear the front of Diamond Jewelry ompany engaged in conversation as came down and as I have a good bit f curiosity in my nature I paused me distance away.

The subject under discussion seem- d to be aeroplanes. It developed that one of them had ever taken a ride the newfangled machines and fur- hermore that none of them wanted o. After some talk on the subject udge Watkins ventured that the Almighty hadn't intended for human eings to fly. The mayor demanded his reasons for such a statement and Judge Watkins replied with legal cumen that if the Creator had in- ended such a thing he would have made the whole race grow feathers. Since he had never seen any feather- legged humans he had good reasons for making his statement.

This subject being too deep for me I wandered down in the direction of the Jackson Brothers Motor Compa- ny. I found Mr. Lindsey busily en- gaged with a lady to whom he was trying to sell a car. It appeared that he had been trying for two hours or longer to make the sale but the cus- tomer could not remember the make of the car she wanted.

"I can't remember the name of the car," said the customer in a grieved tone. "I-I think the car starts with a 'T.'"

"Madam," said Mr. Lindsey, some- what exasperated, "all our cars start with gasoline."

I don't know whether he made a sale or not. I took occasion to find business elsewhere and walked rapid- ly down to the H. and T. C. station to amuse myself with watching the sights there. Quite a number of cus- tomers were at the ticket window, engaged in giving Mr. Cone as much misery as was possible. Among them a rather elderly lady was endeavor- ing with his assistance to map out a route which she expected to travel.

"Where does this next train go?" she asked.

"It goes to Dallas and points north," replied Mr. Cone courteously.

"Well, I want a train that goes to Fort Worth and I don't care which way it goes," replied the aged lady tearful.

Mr. Cone disappeared suddenly and I am not sure that he discovered abruptly that he had rheumatism. I didn't wait to see, however.

Over at the News office when I arrived C. B. Tegner, advertising manager, was wrestling with rhymes and meters. At long last a short while after my arrival, he seemed satisfied and passed me this following doggerel with a look of relief.

"Read that," he invited with a groan. It was a girl's idea of grim at the best.

I took the paper and read this:

Hiawatha Among the Ads

By the shores of Gitchee.
By the sparkling Pluto Water,
Lived the Prophylactic Chiclet,
Daughter, Ann Buck's daughter.
She was loved by Instant Postum,
Son of Sunkist and Victrola,
Heir apparent of the Mazada
Of the tribe of Coca-Cola.
Thru the Tuxlac strolled the lovers,
Thru the Shredded Wheat they wandered.
"Lovely little Wrigley Chiclet,"
Were the words of Instant Postum
"No Pyrene can quench the fire
No Aspirin still the heartache.
Only Prestolite desire.
Let us marry—Little Djer Kiss!"

RESTORE THE HOME

In observance of Child's Welfare Day, Rev. E. H. Hudson will speak today at the First Presbyterian Church on Bonham and Milam Sts. on the Old Fashioned Home.

The Lost Bible will be the subject of the evening sermon at 7:30.

G. E. Mitchell will teach the Men's Bible Class at 10 o'clock.

You will not be a visitor but a welcome guest at our services.

D. Daugherty of Waco was in Mexia Friday.

Letters from People

INFORMATION DESIRED

Editor, Evening News:

Naturally all property owners are interested in the Charter election.

That all may thoroughly understand the ordinance passed calling for an election on March 18th to elect fifteen men to frame a new charter will you not thru your columns answer the following questions.

Question 1. Section 2 of the ordinance reads: That at said election also, there shall be elected from among the qualified voters of said city at large 15 Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to frame, report and submit such Charter.

Will this newly framed charter be submitted to a vote of the people, or simply turned over to the city officials for adoption?

Question 2. If fifteen men are to be elected to frame a charter, why was a charter farmed last month in the office of the Chamber of Commerce which was with few exceptions a repetition of the charter turned down by the people at the last election?

The ordinance also reads: and whereas, it will be to the best interest and general welfare of said city to adopt a Charter, and thereby confer upon said city the full powers of local self government.

It seems what we need most now is not greater power in the hands of city officials, but more protection for the people, harmony among our city officials, and greater cooperation between them and the citizenship.

"A divided house cannot stand."

MRS. T. A. KINDRED.

Big Percentage Of School Tax Is Already Paid

Joe Arrington, collector of school taxes for Mexia, reports $118,201.18 paid in, out of approximately $130,000 due. Of this amount $71,558 is now available for the maintenance of the schools. The remainder goes on the school bonds of the city. Mr. Arrington stated that suits would be filed immediately against delinquents.

DANIEL BOONE VISITS IN MEXIA PAST WEEK

"Daniel" Boone, of Dallas formerly General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Texas, was in Mexia Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mr. Boone is now connected with the Commonwealth Building and Loan Association of Dallas and it was in the interest of his company that he visited Mexia last week.

DALLAS.—The old idea that craps is a negro's game is not borne out by records at police departments headquarters here. In the last 10 days more whites have been arrested for goading on the galloping dominos, than negroes, the records show.

A. Gaggner of Corsicana was in Mexia Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith and son, E. L. Jr., are in San Antonio since Thursday. Mrs. Smith and E. L. Jr. will spend several weeks there, while Mr. Smith is expected home the first of the week.

Too Late to Classify

HOTEL COLWELL—411 Commerce street. Rooms for rent by day or week, beds 50c and 75c each. Mrs. Lizzie Currie, proprietress. 17L4

FOR RENT—One nice room next to bath and a garage to rent. 207 N. Bonham St. Phone 342. 17L2

FOR RENT—Two room apartment in private home. Modern, large rooms, on paved street, with garage. Phone 271-J. 17L4

FOR RENT—Large front furnished room in private home, with garage, on paved street. Apply at 600 East Sumpter. 17L4

FOR RENT—Five room house with bath, lights and garage, on North Canton street. Price $25 per month. Apply at 600 East Sumpter. 17K4

FOR RENT—Small furnished hou- on North Red River. Price $15 per month. Apply at 600 East Sumpter. 17K4

FOR SALE—Corner lot 25x25 feet. On paved street. 114 Palestine St. 17J1

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedrooms. Convenient to bath. Good board can be had just across the street. Close in. 505 E. Milam st. 17L7

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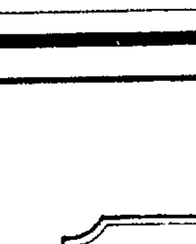
Pure bred Jersey bull for service. Fee $2.00, at Conyers Barn, Mexia, Texas. 17-7

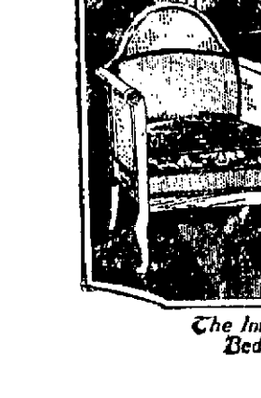
FOR TARDE—Five passenger Studebaker special six. New Cord tires. Good paint and mechanical condition. To trade for new model four door Ford sedan. Call or see J. F. Lumus at Humphreys Garage. 17N3

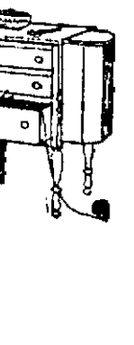
Makse Fat People Slim

New York Physician Perfects Harmless Method of Reducing Weight

The loss of as much as a pound of excess fat a day with no harmful results is the record made by many patients of Dr. R. Newman, a licensed practicing physician of 286 Fifth Avenue, New York, who announces that he has perfected a treatment which has quickly rid fat people of excess weight. What is more remarkable is the Doctor's statement that he has successfully treated thousands of patients for fat reduction without change of diet or unnecessary exercise. It is also said that fat people who suffer from chronic rheumatism, gout, asthma, and high blood pressure obtain great relief from the reduction of their superfluous flesh. Realizing that this sounds almost too good to be true, the doctor has offered to send without charge to anyone who will write him, a free trial treatment to prove his claims, as well as his "Pay-when-reduced" plan. If you want to rid yourself of superfluous fat, write him today, addressing Dr. R. Newman, 286 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Dept. R607. —(Adv.)



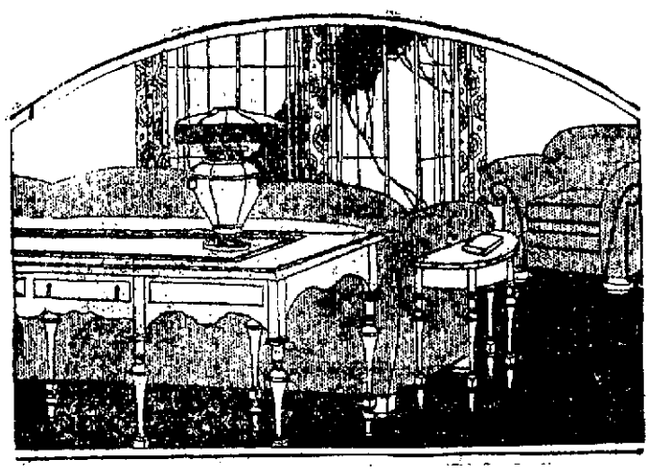




We are justly proud of the compliments we have received on our new furnishings the past week.

Each of the many friends who accepted the invitation to visit our store have expressed their admiration of the perfect workmanship, the fine materials, the beauty and usefulness of each piece in display.

New peieces and suites are arriving daily. You can not fail to find just what you are looking for—that living room suite; bed room suite; breakfast room set; and the delightful odd pieces. Will you not also accept our invitation? We shall be happy to show you what is new in furniture, at prices that are sure to please.



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We will have on display a generous assortment of the season's newest modes in:

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Dresses, Coats and Capes

Be sure and see our line of Taillieur Suits in the short box models, in the very popular checks and pencil stripes in blue and tan—they are all the rage in the Eastern fashion centers.

NEW SLIPPERS and Hosiery

We have opened up this week, dozens of the new styles in ladies slippers—the styles are truly beautiful—call and see them,—always glad to show you.

—LIGHT COLOR HOSIERY

Yes, light colored hose are it—among the new colorings we show are the favorite shades as: Peach, Dawn, Neutral, Nude, Gun Metal, Indian Skin, and Fawns.

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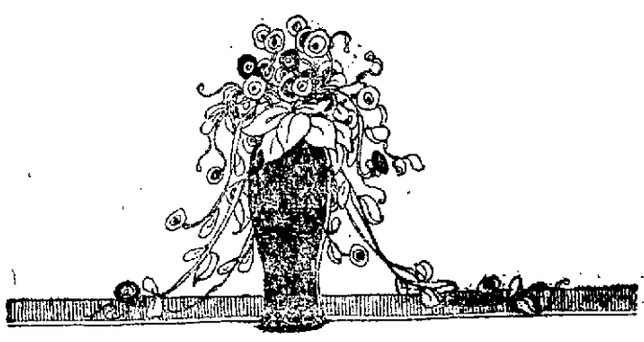

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AN OASIS OF GREEN IN CANADA'S WINTER

CHRISTMAS SWIM IN PACIFIC SURF
WINTER PUTTING GREEN OF SHAUGHNESSY HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE, VANCOUVER
WHO SAYS "WINTER IS COLD"? NOT THESE VANCOUVER SWIMMERS

Why go south for the leafy winter? Asks the wise Canadian who knows what delightful winters are meted out to the British Columbian coast and its two fine cities, Vancouver and Victoria Cities that grow more popular with tourists each year. Canadians and winter visitors to Vancouver need not sigh for southern seas, for surf bathing is a mid-winter sport on the Pacific coast. The Christmas-day dip and swim is a feature of that holiday. The picture shown above, was taken at Vancouver on Christmas Day, 1923, and depicts about twenty members of the Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club who enjoyed a frolic in water more invigorating than cold.

This metropolis on the Pacific coast of Canada has not advertised its winter swimming attraction, but its many beaches make it an ideal summer resort and its temperate climate makes it a favorite with tourists twelve months in the year. Golf is played the year round on the three fine courses of Jericho Country Club, Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club and Vancouver Golf and Country Club, while Victoria, just across the Gulf, affords further opportunities for knocking the little white balls around at Colwood Golf and Country Club, Uplands Country Club and Victoria Golf Club.

Motoring is also a pleasant winter recreation in and around these cities. Miles and miles of superb motorways, long stretches of them running along the lovely seashore, radiate in many directions. Roadside camping sites equipped with brick stoves add an attractive feature to motoring on the Pacific coast.

Roses at Christmas-time and colorful gardens of hardy flowers make one forget that it is January, while the social life to be enjoyed at Hotel Vancouver and the Empress Hotel, leave nothing to be desired in the matter of cuisine, comfort and luxury.

Beauty Congress Meeting In France Sounds Death Knell of Bobbed Hair

PARIS — Bobbed hair, like hooped skirts, is passé. For months the style has been dying a painless death. Now it is officially laid to rest by the International Hairdressers' Congress, the recognized style group. In tolling its death knell, coiffure experts declare "all Europe has qurt bobbing and the mademoiselles with short locks are wearing transformations." Reports from American beauty experts also show bobbing is on the wane and "in six months will be atrociously unpopular, if not in utter bad taste."

Accordingly, three new modes of hairdress that permit the wearing of false hair will prevail among women of taste in 1924. They are the Empress Josephine, with hair drawn back and a cord or band around the temples; Louis Philippe, with chignon curls clustered around neck and ears, and Empress Eugenie, with two bands across the forehead and curl falling over each ear. Transformations, deftly worn, will be covered with reliable invisible human hair nets now used for all evening and dress wear. Greater demand for hair nets, it is declared, was one of the first signals of the passing of bobs, over sixty million Gainsboroughs being sold in 1923.

"Bobs are gone, but after all, who cares?" sighed the chairman in adjourning the congress.

"Personne!" chorused the delegates. Which means Nobody.

Smiles, Not Gas Used By Dentist

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 16.—The old bogy of the dentist chair has lost its potency at least for San Antonio's male patients.

The dental field like everyth else has offered its attractions women and she has taken it up h Now a dimpled smile is a substit for gas.

Dr. Sectylia Sonet is the femin practictioner. Though her orig intention was to work on children she has decided to maintain gen practice.

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—The days of Spring are upon us. The days when every one is thinking of retouching their homes and adding new pieces of furniture with which to beautify them.

—Our stock has never been more complete for Spring business and we believe you will find just what you want for the home.

Here You Will Find—

—New Sun Parlor Suites
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—New Bedroom Suites
—New Dining Room Suites
—New Odd Pieces for the Entire Home

—Spend a few hours when you are down town looking trough our vast assemblage of furniture.

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MARLIN CAGERS TAKE TWO FROM THE BLACK CATS

The Mexia H. Black Cat suffered two defeats at the hands of the Marlin H. Cagers Friday afternoon and night on the local court at Marlin. The score of the afternoon game was 20 to 0. The Cats could never get started to the right in this court and were completely [illegible] by their opponents, who had the ball on the court all season and lopped baskets at will. Captain Ivers was the only one of the fellows that was successful in [illegible] but he made the only field goal for the Cats.

The night game was a replica of that of the afternoon [illegible] Cats and Marlin [illegible] but the Marlin aggregation repays the visit paid them by the Cats this past week by playing here Friday afternoon and night, Feb. 22 at the High School Gym court. There will be two games, one in the afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and one that night at 8:30 o'clock.

O. K. Well at Teague Is Setting Casing

The O K. well 6 miles southeast of Teague has completed the setting of casing Thursday night to a depth of 3001 feet above a rich oil bearing sand encountered. The drilling in pipe-well began Monday. The showing encountered has been very favorable and much activity in lease trading has been noted. This well is in charge of experienced drillers and it is said that this well shows [illegible] production. This well was begun in November, 1920, and due to financial difficulties drilling progressed slowly. However, ample [illegible] are reported behind the casing and an early completion is looked for at around the present depth. The well is two miles east of the three test holes drilled by the Amerada 5 miles south of Teague during 1920.

The Elks Band Improving Fast

The Mexia Elks band is carrying out an extensive rehearsal program now and Band Leader Werner says that he expects to have the organization perfected within a very short while. At present there are only three vacancies in the band and as soon as these places are filled no more applications will be considered. It is understood that this is an exceptional opportunity for any musician with a fair amount of ability, as the Mexia lodge has an attractive proposition to offer.

Much interest is being manifested by the members of the band and attendance is good. Three of the members of this band drive over from Wortham to attend these rehearsals as well as one member from Coolidge. Exalted Ruler Bolton inspected the band last rehearsal night and after offering congratulations to director Frank Werner, he made a short but impressive talk to the band members, urging their support and stressing the importance of a good band.

NEW YORK—Gamma Walska, opera singer and wife of Harold F. McCormick is going to try again. The singer, whose voice has been criticized by critics, is going back to that "warm-hearted Paris" because she found the United States cold to her genius. She will sail Saturday. Mme. Walska has a new plaything in the French capital—the theatre Des Champs Elysees which her husband bought for her so she may give a Mozart festival in which she will appear in June.

Let 'Em Try To Beat This Record

PARIS, Texas, Feb. 16.—In this specialized age there are champions of almost everything. And through no fault of his own W. S. Jettfils became champion all his own here recently.

Seized with an attack of the hiccoughs, Pettfils coughed for eight consecutive days without a hich, which is believed to have hung up a record in this unique class.

RADO STEELE PRAISES MEXIA DAILY NEWS

Mr. Rado Steele of Forest Glade paid the News a pleasant visit Saturday morning and renewed his subscription for the coming year. Mr. Steele has been a reader of this paper since 1899. He has watched this paper grow from a small four column paper to a large metropolitan paper, and stated that he wanted to see the paper grow larger and better in the future as it has in the past.

Corsicana Y.M.C.A. Defeats W. C. 16-10

In a fast, spirited game at the Y. M. C. A. Gym at Corsicana Friday night the Westminster College quintet was defeated by the Corsicana professional cagers, the score standing 16 to 10. During the first half of the game the collegians led the scoring with 8 points to the professionals 6, but in the second half the Corsicana team came back with a brilliant series of plays that gave them a lead that the Westminster team was unable to overcome.

In a game the same evening between the Westminster Girls basketball team and the Corsicana girls the College team defeated the Corsicana team by a score of 13 to 10.

THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Sunday partly cloudy, rain in extreme east and colder.

West Texas.—Sunday probably colder and fair.

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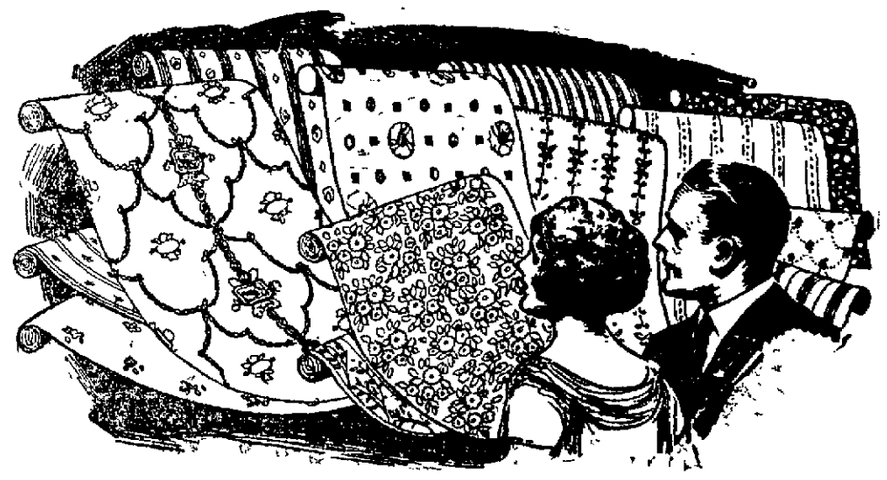

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HOME DRESSMAKING

By JEANNE ROLAND
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Step-in Combination With Camisole Top

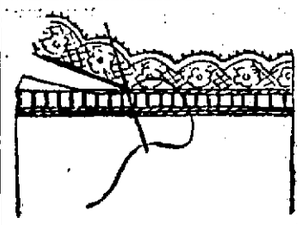
A Simple and Dainty Undergarment

The springtime fashions in lingerie are more beautiful than ever, and yet at the same time, faithful to simplicity of line and development. The latest craze is for radium silk, although the crepes and sub satins hold well.

This combination may be made with a camisole top or with a round neck. In the latter case, the edges are scalloped then buttonholed. For the camisole top, the step-in is cut off at a straight line above the bust line. There are almost as many ways of trimming the garment as there are home dressmakers to reproduce it, but it would be difficult to find anything prettier than the edgings of filet lace and medallions of the same trimming used in the model illustrated. The lace edging is set onto veining which most dainty women use in some way or other in the making of lingerie.

The veining comes with a narrow margin of lawn on either side. One side of the veining is joined to the garment and the other to the lace. The roll seam is best for the purpose. First trim both the edges of the veining and the crepe. It will not be necessary to trim the lace as it has a selvage already. Hold the edges together, then roll together the top thread of both edges two or three times. Begin from the back of the work and whip the roll very closely together, being careful that the stitches come entirely under the roll and not through it. Draw the thread tightly and the result will be a seam with a roll.

The medallions may be set into the material in the same way. The seams of the combination are all French. The shoulder straps are made of ribbon, which may be in two tones, if desired. Another lovely way to finish the edges of this combination is with embroidery that has a dainty scallop imitating French handwork.



Sewing lace to extra deux or veining.

Local News

J. A. Heathe was here Friday from Cisco.

H. Holsler was here Saturday from Corsicana.

F. A. Denison of Waco was in Mexia Friday.

Mrs. George Peyton spent Monday in Dallas.

H. G. Jones of Bryan was in the city Friday.

V. H. Bush was here Thursday from Ennis.

W. A. Mullen was here Thursday from Waco.

A. O. Stubbs was here Thursday from Austin.

J. V. Haney of Waco was in the city Thursday.

L. K. Sides has returned to his home in Ennis.

Mrs. John Scott was in Houston the week just passed.

G. T. Bowman of Ranger was in the city Wednesday.

J. A. Bowen of Waco was a Thursday visitor to the city.

Hy Martin of Waxahachie was a visitor to Mexia Friday.

Miss Laura Griffiths is recovering from an attack of measles.

Mrs. W. W. Chamberlain is in South Texas this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hamby of Dallas were in the city Friday.

Mrs. Mack Bridges visited in Kansas City the past two weeks.

Miss Sadie Kirgan is spending the week-end with home folks at Fairfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Stollenwerck are spending Sunday in Terrell.

Ollie Jones is now on the local police force, and has the day shift.

Judge A. M. Blackmon of Groesbeck was in the city Saturday.

Miss Mable Bunch was a Waco visitor the early part of the week.

Miss Julia Montgomery of Tulsa is spending the week with her parents.

Mrs. E. H. Sill of Coolidge is reported improving after serious illness

Mesdames W. Crawford and W. L. Edmond were Temple visitors Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Jeffers are "at home" since Wednesday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Spade are visiting friends in Wichita Falls this week end.

Mrs. A. F. Grover, of Fort Smith, Ark., is the guest of Mrs. Margaret Dale.

Lee Kirgan, editor of the Fairfield Recorder was a Mexia visitor Friday.

Mrs. L. Stone of Sherman is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Richey.

Miss Corrine Watson is spending the week-end with home folks at Fairfield.

Mrs. E. F. Ware of Dallas is spending the week end with her sister, Mrs. Joe Ware.

Ed Mearles and Ben Stollenwerk were Rotary visitors in Corsicana Wednesday.

Warren J. Dale left Friday noon on a business trip to St. Paul, Minn., and other northern points.

Mrs. Roy Bryan of Fort Worth visited the past week in the home of Mrs. W. A. Flipse.

Mrs. J. D. Arrington of this city visited her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Jones in Groesbeck the past week.

Many valentine events featured the the week, with parties given by various clubs and in the home of many citizens.

W. H. Smith was a Corsicana visitor Wednesday. He and his family plan to spend quite a period soon on the Pacific coast with relatives.

Judge D. Leon Harp of San Antonio has been on a visit with relatives here for a few days the past week.

Miss Anne Earle, Miss Louise Cline, and O. P. Arrington attended the Passion Play in Waco. Friday night.

Judge and Mrs. W. M. White returned Thursday from Austin and San Antonio where they spent several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stevens and daughter, Elizabeth left Saturday morning for San Antonio to spend several months.

Many shacks are now disappearing, says Dr. Hodges, and greater results may follow a clean up endeavor now than ever before.

N. H. Pierce, formerly of this city, now a traveling calendar salesman, was a Mexia visitor Thursday. He reports business in Texas more flourishing than ever.

American Legion dues for 1924 are coming in, according to Post Adjutant Dale, and a rousing meeting for next Tuesday night is assused.

Cracked ice can be chopped small enough to put in thermos bottles and prove a great comfort to the feverish invalid on a restless night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozie Lewis are moving back to their home in the reunion grounds. They spent the winter at their place on Ross Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Welch were Marlin visitors the early part of the week, spending a period with R. W. Bozeman who is in the Majestic hotel for a few weeks.

Charles A. Keifer 34, of Dallas, who has been making Mexia for several years for a St. Louis Company and who has many friends here died Monday at his home in Oak Cliff. He was sick only a short while and his death will be greatly deplored by friends all through his territory.

The interest at the Christian church in the Sunday School is constantly increasing, evidenced in its growing attendance record and in the regular Sunday School collections. Last week the First Christian Church led all other Sunday Schools of Mexia in collections, with more than $15.00 contributed.

HAPPENINGS ABOUT SCHOOL

Mrs. Cora Ferguson, county superintendent, was a pleasant visitor to the High School Friday in company with Mr. David Murphy of the local School Board.

Mrs. Paul Hill who has been office secretary for the last five months has resigned. The position is being held temporarily by Miss Hilda Clark until a permanent stenographer can be obtained.

The D. E. girls superintended by Miss Parker and Mrs. Armstrong served the Shriners banquet in the cafeteria last week. The affair was a credit to the instructors and to their pupils.

The Valentine number of "The Black Cat" was issued on February 14. The magazine is very attractive in every detail.

The boys basketball team accompanied by the coach, Mr. Poteet went to Marlin Friday where they played two games.

A very attractive magazine rack has been completed and presented to the Public Library by the Manual Training Class.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Sunday School at 9:45 is well worth your consideration. Join the people who are posting themselves on the Bible.

John 12:12-19 will be the scripture for Wednesday evening 7:30.

The W. M. Society meets Monday and the Intermediated League Sunday afternoon.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

WORTHAM

The members of the Pleasure-Profit club were entertained on last Friday afternoon by Mrs. Henry Meador. Forecasting street. Valentine Day novel decorations and appointments were used. Red hearts and cupids and vases of red carnations and red roses were used for the decorative scheme and the Valentine motif was carried out in the talley cars and the heart shaped table markers. Refreshments consisting of salad and wafers, delicious fruit cake and hot chocolate were served.

On Thursday night, January 31, Mrs. C. C. Hanckney's class of men of the Methodist Protestant church entertained their wives and members of Mrs. Clyde Ross' class at the Maccabee hall with an oyster supper. After the supper an interesting talk was given by Rev. W. M. Milburne of Tehuacana.

The fascinating stereoptican lecture "From Pyramids to Golgota," the latest with which Coleman Craig, well known Texas editor and correspondent is charming big audiences daily, is to be given here Saturday evening at 7:45 at the High School Auditorium under auspices of the Baptist Woman's Auxiliary.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY TO PRESENT PAGEANT SUNDAY

The members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian church will present a missionary pageant, "Keepers of the Light," at the regular preaching hour, Sunday evening. Twelve characters will take part. Special music is being arranged by the choir for this service.

We are anticipating a profitable and enjoyable evening, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

W. L. Landrum, President.

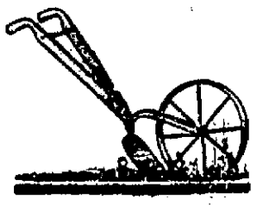
FASTER MAIL SERVICE

ANCON, C. Z.—The new mail service from the Canal Zone via Havana and Key West has had an auspicious start. The mail is carried north from Key West on the through train leaving Key West daily at 7:30 p. m. In general, two days will be saved on mail for Washington and New York.

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in social session at the home of Mrs. George Peyton, East Rusk street. Mesdames Robert Lewis and Ben Howard assistant and hostesses. Mrs. Allen Etchison will have charge of the program which will be a study of our work in Mexico.

DALLAS.—Expansion of the poultry business in Texas has been curtailed because of excessive freight rates on live poultry shipments from Texas to eastern points, according to evidence introduced at the interstate commission hearing here. Live poultry shipments would increase from 1000 cars annually to more than 4000 if the rates are reduced one cent or more per pound, it was claimed by representatives of the poultry producers.

GARDEN TOOLS



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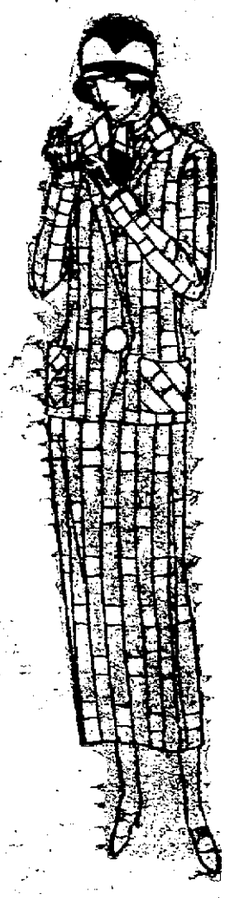

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Miss Christine Kendrick Is Honored

As a rule Dan Cupid delights to ply his thieving trade in secret, but there is one season of the year when he can come boldly fourth and wage a militant warfare in the open. 'Tis in the Valentine season that the little god marshals his forces for a mighty onslaught. 'Tis then his arrows fall thickest and fastest, 'tis then that he comes off a glorious victor and throwing aside the veil of secrecy which has hitherto characterized his mighty deeds, fearlessly proclaims his converts to the world at large.

At the home of Mrs. Gene Sinclair on February 14th, under the espionage of Mesdames Sinclair and Petty, Dan Cupid held high revel and there despite the fact that the hostesses tried by every device pertaining to the decorative arts peculiar to the day dedicated to St. Valentine, to divert his mind from his traffic in human hearts, it was of no avail. Cupid refused to be turned aside for even one hour from his business in hand but proceeded to announce to the many friends assembled there that among his recent victims most fatally pierced, the maiden who had most completely and abjectly surrendered to his wily charms was one whom Mexia claims as one of her fairest daughters, Miss Christine Kendrick, whose marriage to Mr. Val Horn of this city, is to be consummated some time in March.

It was evidenced that the hostess had worked hand in hand with Cupid to provide a suitable setting for his victorious proclamation. The magical touch of fingers skilled in the art of decoration, had created a veritable Love Kingdom, and all who entered felt that they had been inoculated with the love philter and for the time being were made subjects of Dan Cupid himself. A multiplicity of love symbols greeted the eye at every turn.

A few games of 42 were enjoyed after which a delicious refreshment of ice cream figuring the heart motif, angel food cake and salted nuts were served.

The guests were then invited into the spacious living room where the surprise feature of the afternoon awaited them. The doors between the living and dining rooms were thrown open disclosing a huge valentine which filled the entire doorway. This was fashioned after the manner of valentines of "ye olden days" outlined by lacey paper frills, framing a gateway upon which love birds had taken up their abode and thru which glimpses could be had of an approaching fairylike form. This proved to be little Miss Katherine Measles who advanced to the magic gates and with a wave of her fairy wand announced to the tense waiting guests:

"I've a story to tell
Of Mr. Val Horn,
Whose birthday it is
If I haven't guessed wrong.

He will meddle with things
He's been told not to touch
He's a liking for sweets
Pretty girls and such.

And he'll get what he likes
Just as sure as you're born
He even will steal things
That naughty Val Horn.

He stole Miss Christine's heart
For "Sinclair" said so
But we love her too
And this I will show.

Then unlocking with tiny fingers the padlock made of hearts and throwing open the gates she stepped through and took the honorce by the hand saying:

"So come Miss Christine
And go with me
And all of our love packages
I'll let you see."

And led her through the gateway into the dimly lighted room beyond, At the touch of a hidden hand the dazzling lights leaped forth revealing an artistically decorated table upon which rested a huge heart-shaped receptacle. This the little fairy bestowed with these words:

"Now here are the packages
I told you about.
And while wou untie
And take each one out"

And leaving Christine to lift the lid of the mysterious box she steps back to the Valentine gateway and concluded:

"I'll tell the world
This Valentine Horn
Is the luckiest thief
That ever was born."

JEFFERS-EUBANK

(Rosebud News)

A very beautiful twilight wedding was solemnized at the Baptist church in the city Monday evening last, when Miss Jessie Eubanks, of Tyler, sister of Mrs. W. A. Dollahite of this city, was married to Reverend Joe Jeffers of Mexia.

The church had never been made more attractive than on this occasion. The floral adornment which was confined to the channel, conformed to the bridal theme in charming manner. An arch fashioned of pink rosebuds, fern foliage and pink tulle suppoted by artistic floor baskets, filled with blown pink roses, produced an artistic setting for this beautiful ceremony.

A lovely effect was concluded by a background of smilax and rosebuds intermingled in an invisible net. Potted ferns of glowing pink tapers in branched candlesticks placed at intervals completed the charming setting where the wedding party formed a beautiful tableau for the marriage vows.

Preceding the ceremony Mr. Paul Harper of Mexia, co-worker and choir director of the church where the groom is pastor, beautifully rendered the nuptial song, "I Love You Truly." Mrs. Harper gave the piano accompaniament. Later, Mrs. Harper and Miss Vera Warrock gave "Mendelsshon's Wedding March," as a processional and recessional. The ushers, Messrs. Law, Arnold, Roy Robertson and Meyers, outlined the passage way for the wedding party. Mrs. Vernon Nicholson as Matron of Honor, was becomingly clad in canary georgette, and wore a rhinestone bandeau in her hair. A corsage of sweet peas completed her costume. Miss Neuh Leet of Dallas, secretary of the B. Y. P. U., was the Maid of Honor, and was gowned in a dainty frock of pink taffeta. She wore a bandeau of rhinestones, and wore a corsage of sweet peas and pink rose buds. Miss Ruth Dennison of Waco, as bridesmaid, was lovely in a pink taffeta, a corsage of sweet peas and rosebuds completed her costume. Little Miss Marvern Devine of Galveston was the charming ring bearer, in a lovely dress of white crepe de chine, finished with pink rosebuds. She carried the ring in a single pink rose. The little flower girls Dorothy Dee Hinkle and Helen Nicholson, were pictures of loveliness and wore dainty frocks of pink crepe de chine. Bandeaux of pink ribbon and rosebuds adorned their hair. They were escorted by Masters Herbert Duncan Dollahite of Marlin and Roy Robertson, Jr., of this city. Artistic tulle baskets held the rose petals these children strew in the pathway of the bride and groom, whose untiring efforts and loyalty in their work entitles them to a never ending pathway of roses.

The bride, Miss Jessie Eubank was attractively dressed in a beautiful costume of grey charmeuse. A lovely grey chiffon cape trimmed in self same shade of grey lace, with a picture hat of rose, enhanced the loveliness of her brunette beauty. She carried an arm sheath of pink roses and valley lillies.

The groom, Mr. Joe Jeffers, was attended by Mr. Paul Harper of Mexia. Mr. Vernon Nicholson acted as groomsman in this beautiful wedding.

This wedding party was met at the beautiful chancel, where Reverend Dollahite of this city, read the beautifulu double ring ceremony. Rev. L. D. Dollahite of Marlin invoked God's blessings on this couple, who are such devout workers in their chosen professions. The bride has frequently visited here in the interest of the B. Y. P. U., of which she is a state officer, and by her charming personality and efficiency will prove a splendid helpmate to her husband, who is a young man of sterling worth, being at present pastor of the First Baptist church in Mexia, and they left immediately after the ceremony to continue their work there.

Quite a number of relatives and friends from Mexia, Tyler, Dallas, and Galveston were present for the wedding.

The groom is the beloved pastor of the First Baptist church of Mexia. The happy newlyweds are now at home at 616 East Rusk street and have been the recipients of many delightful favors and socials since their home coming last Wednesday. A shower added to their joy at the First Baptist church Saturday afternoon. Mr. Jeffers is an Alabamian by birth, his mother, Mrs. Susie D. Jeffers residing at Ronnoke, Alabama. He has a sister who is a missionary in China and two others preparing for missonary fields. In all he has six brothers and eight sisters, two of whom are deceased. He lost his father also many years ago. Rev. Jeffers is popular with his people and has made many friends in Mexia since he came here almost a year ago. The bride has been received graciously, coming with stories of a beautiful character and a christian service which has made her life useful and a blessing to the State. Mexia welcomes her.

7A English Class Forms Literary Club

The 7A English Class of the McKinney Street Grammar School met in Miss Ward's room February 8th and organized a Literary Club. The following officers were elected:

Margaret Smith, President.
Louise Meddox, Secretary
Clyde Wilson, Treasurer
Esther Preddy, Sergeant at Arms
Corine Stevens, Critic
Bower Crider, Reporter.

Mrs. E. A. Hampton is home after spending several weeks in Fort Worth.

Elks Dance An Enjoyable Affair

Thursday evening the Elks Club here entertained with a Valentine dance at the Club room on north Sherman street. The Valentine motif was carried out in an elaborate way, the Club room being decorated in a hue of red, suggestive of the season of hearts and cupids. Full credit for the decorations goes to the Stewart Brothers, who are past masters in the art of taking a few pieces of cardboard and tissue paper and transforming them into decorative effects pleasing to the eye.

The real feature of the evening was a tableau carrying out the Valentine theme. While Charlie's soft syncopators softly played the Love Waltz, Exalted Ruler Frank Bolton made his entrance attired as Dan Cupid. With his tiny bow and arrow he impersonated this character to perfection, and made quite an impression as he skipped gaily around the floor, darting his little love arrows here and there.

Among those enjoying the hospitality were many out of town Elks with their ladies. Several other entertainments are on the schedule for early dates, the feature one to be the George Washington ball, which will be novel and promises some real surprises.

BENJAMIN HOWARD, JR. HAS HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Benjamin Howard, Jr., soon of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howard of Ross Ave., was the happiest little man in town Friday when his little playmates gathered with him to celebrate his fourth birthday. His joy was shared by all the children who met at his home for the memorable occasion. They romped and played across the spacious lawn and had the time of their young lives, enjoying hugely the giving of gifts, cutting the birthday cake, and the delicious dainties and refreshments served by Mrs. Howard. May Benjamin have many more such Birthday parties is the wish of the boys and girls who played with him Friday.

ARE YOU GOING TO PARIS? HERE IS SOME ADVICE.

Paris taxi drivers are the best friends and the most dangerous friends in the world," says Maurice Cannon, who is cast in such a role in Pola Negri's new starring picture, "Shadows of Paris," a Herbert Brenon production for Paramount.

"Just as London policemen are noted for their courtesy to strangers, the Parisian taxi drivers are known for their strong friendships and their indifference to those who offend them. I have made many friends in their ranks and learned much about Paris through their agency, which I could otherwise never have discovered. If you are going to Paris, I advise you to make friends with one of them. He will look after you like a brother and tell you stories of the city more enthralling than anything you ever read in fiction."

Maurice Cannon, formerly a national French favorite in the Theatre Nationale de L'Ddeon, came to Holly wood only a short time ago. He mastered the English speech in a few weeks.

In "Shadows of Paris" he plays the role of a taxi-driver on familiar terms with the underworld dens of the Apaches. Adolphe Menjou, Charles de Roche, and Huntly Gordon are featured opposite Pola Negri in this production.

Mother-love is the theme of "The ullaby", Jan Novak's F. B. O. starring vehicle which comes to the Palace Theatre Monday. Jane Novak, probably more than any othere star of the screen, is suited to such a role as she portrays in this unusually vivid tale written by Lillian Lucey and adapted to the screen by Hope Loring and Louis Lighton. The true light of motherlove shines always in the eyes of Jane Novak. Slender, blonde, and with the utmost appeal in her deep blue eyes, she is perhaps the foremost interpreter of this type of role on the screen. In "The Lullaby" she has every opportunity to give full play to her talents along these lines. The prison scenes, in which Jane Novak, as the imprisoned peasant mother is shown with her child, are among the most poignantly dramatic ever flung upon the silver screen, in the opinion of many of the best known critics who already have viewede "The Lullaby." A splendid cast was essembled by Producer Chester Bennett to support Miss Novak. Among those who will appear in "The Lullaby" are Robert Anderson, happily remembered for his brilliant work in the "Hearts of the World"; Fred Malatesta, Dorothy Marion Brock, Cleo Madison, Otis Harlan and Lydie Yeaman Titus, long known on the stage and screen.

Mexia Lions Appreciate Address Regarding Fertilizing Industry

The Lions Club met at the Majestic at the usual hour Friday for a social hour and for business. The Club has the interest of Mexia at heart and it is their desire to cooperate with all the good citizens of the city in building a bigger and better Mexia. Lion Morgan stated that there would be twenty or twenty-five thousand plants of various kinds for distribution to the people of Mexia. These will help very much in beautifying our little city. Those desiring plants may call on Lion Morgan for information.

Pat Patterson and Carl Davis of the Rotary Club were guests of the Lions Club and they more than paid for their lunch by giving us two splendid addresses on the subject of "Loyalty to our City." They stressed the importance of spending our money in Mexia, where our homes, our churches, and our schools are located. The business men of our city largely support our churches and our schools and they are entitled to our trade. No mail order house has paid for street improvements here, nor have they put a dime into our churches and schools so far as I know, but our business men have invested thousands in our city improvements and will continue to invest thousands each year. They are deserving of our trade and let us gladly give it to them.

Judge Stubbs of Austin gave us a very much appreciated address relative to the establishing of a new industry in Mexia soon, This will be a Fertilizer Plant which will not only be a benefit to Mexia in having this industry located here but will be beneficial to the country for miles around Mexa.. Money invested in fertilizer is one of the best investments the farmer can make as has already been proven by thousands. Larger crops and more money for the farmer and therefore more business for Mexia.

Lion Hughes made a short talk on loyalty to the Club and the city. He said that the big fish were all the time swallowing the little fish. That the larger cities were after the little ones, and that the thing for us to do was to get busy and and swallow the little fish about us. Catch the fish that were on their way to the big city trade and show them that we had the goods right here in Mexia just as good and as cheap if not cheaper. Let us be loyal to our city, to our club, and to our fellowman.

FROM THE PEOPLE

FERTILIZ AND INTENSIFY SAYS WELL KNOWN FARMER

Editor Daily News,
Mexia.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find some timely notes on the fertilizer subject.

I have many people asking me as to what kinds they ought to use, etc. These notes will explain several things and may materially assist some of the brethern in need.

Your truly,
J. W. Stubenrauch.

The A. B. C. of Commercial Fertilizer

There seems to be considerable confusion about the meaning of the different formulas of fertilizers. While the soil is composed of many elements that more or less contributes to the growing of crops there are, however, only three substances that come under the head of fertilizers that need be applied, generally speaking in crop growing as we have it. Now here is a formula of 12-4-4.

This means of phosphoric acid 12 per cent, nitrogen, 4 per cent, potash, 4 per cent. And every formula reads the ham eway. Phosphoric acid first, nitrogen next, and potash last. This is given in the order of their importance. Phosphoric acid is beneficial on all soils and is the substance that becomes the first exhausted. It is the material that makes the fruit. Nitrogen is the stuff that grows the big things, big stalks of corn, cotton, and vegetables. Potash has the character to bring things a little earlier to maturity as well as to increase the quality and weight of seeds, small grain, etc. Now before we can act intelligently in the selection of our fertilizers to be used it is necessary for us to understand the condition of our ground.

If, for instance, we have good bottom land that grows big stalks of everything it would be foolish to have in fertilizer for such land any nitrogen (which would only grow more stalke.) for such land the formula of 12-0-4 would give excellent results. The 12 per cent of phosphoric acid would set many more bolls and the potash would hasten the maturity. (We will take here only the case of cotton, since for other crops, it would be wise to change the formulas somewhat.)

Now fer a deep, sandy soil that is what a fellow might call "down and out" producing but little in the way of stalks and joint, a complete fertilizer formula such as 10-5-5 and about 200 pounds per acre ought to give profitable results. On sandy soil making yet a good stock the formulas of 12-1-1 or 12-0-4 will prove satisfactory. Potash is cheap, about 6 cents per pound and land quite sandy is much more in need of it than are other soils that have quite some clay in their compositions, because clay, generally speaking, contains enough potash to last many years. For a sandy loam soil with clay subsoil close underneath that yet grows good stocks, the formula of 16-0-0 for cotton in many cases has given good results. In other words it is just plain acid phosphate of 16 per cent or better that is here in order. On sandy loam soil that is pretty impoverished all around, the formulas of 12-3-2 or 12-2-2 will give good results.

Now while we are at it and going through the motion of distributing stuff wo might as well use enough of it to do some good. Say at least 200 pounds per acre. As for black land and fertilizers for such I confess complete ignorance, hence have nothing to recommend.

Nitrate of soda is one of the bases for nitrogen. So is ammonium sluphate and cotton seed meal. Cotton seed meal, however, is too valuable as a feed to use in this way. It is much more profitable to feed it to good stock and haul the manure out on the land, for both the needed humus as well as the fertility.

Th nitrate of soda is the one substance that becomes quickly available hence where the object is earliness it is well to use it in a fertilizer mixture or by itself. Its becoming available at once has the drawback of its benefit not lasting thru the growing season. For this season many users of fertilizers, especially market gardners, demand nitrogen in their mixtures, composed of part nitrate of soda and part ammonium sulphate.

I have no fertilizer list on hand and the formulas I mention might not be exactly what is kept in stock by our dealers. But at any rate, after a ma ndecides as to the class of land he has he is apt to be safe to select as near the kinds of goods that I have mentioned for the various kinds of soil.

The premium contests for the best 5 acre crops will be a valuable lesson to our farming poulation in more ways than one. Above all it will teach the value of pure and high quality seeds for planting. There are many cases on record where there were differences of $10 or better per acre in the favor of high class seeds as compared to the ordinary cotton seeds quite often planted in the same field and under similar conditions.

Next it will teach the value of fertilization and intensive cultivation. Many of our folks will find that it does not pay to go fishing when cotton ought to be plowed again.

I understand that the people who are putting up a fertilizer plant also contemplates to engage in the lime business preparing and pulverizing the raw lime rock for farm use.

Such will prove one of the greatest blessings that can come our way. For it will mean the foundation of soil fertility and soil fertility cannot help but mean for all of our people more prosperity.

J. W. Stubenrauch.

MABLE CASTLE WANTED

There is a notice on the bulletin board at the postoffice stating that Mable Castle is wanted to call Breckenridge for a death message. Or see the postmaster.

Lyceum Lecturer Coming Monday to Mexia Hi School

Mr. Black Burns of the Dixie Lyceum Course will present the program at the High School auditorium on Monday evening, Feb. 18. Mr. Burns is an able lecturer and a skillful entertainer. The number is anticipated as an opportunity for high grade amusement and pleasure. The public is invited and urged to come. Admission 50 cents.

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FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF LENIN'S FUNERAL

This is the first photograph to reach America of the coffin containing the body of Nikolai Lenin, Soviet Russian Premier, being borne through the streets of Moscow by his followers, guarded by Red troops and followed by countless thousands of bareheaded men and women, despite the zero weather.

BETTER ENGLISH DAY OBSERVED BY LADIES OF THE FRIDAY CLUB

Better English Day was observed by the Woman's Friday club this week. An interesting and helpful lesson on the use of Better English was led by Mrs. Weems Craig and Mrs. Rome Hurt, assisted by Mrs. C. O. Deaning who brought to the club a new appreciation of American composers and their music.

The main topics were used in the development of the lesson:

Methods Used by Individuals in Striving for Better Speech—Mrs. Georgia Burgess.

Modern Better English—Miss Lillian Pass.

Better English in Conversation—Mrs. Sam Cox.

Criticism of American Use of words—Mrs. J. W. Compton.

Need of Music in America's National Life—Mrs. Oscar Denning.

Short Sketches of American Composers—Carrie Jacobs Bond—Mrs. Ira Needham.

Maude Powell—Miss Nan Oates.

Charles Wakefield Cadman—Mrs. J. H. Sweatt.

McDonald and Nevin—Mrs. Allen Hutch.

Shakers Doomed By Their Money

CHATHAM, N. Y., Feb. 16 (United Press)—Despite their great wealth in lands and real estate, the Shakers in the United States are rapidly nearing the time when they will be only a memory.

Their wealth is their doom. Because of it, the old men and women of the sect do not encourage accessions of young people, on the theory that young persons who might want to join them now would be prompted by purely mercenary motives.

"No person would want to unite with a society that is declining," is the way the elders look at it.

Last stages in the final passing of the sect are underway at the Mount Lebanon colony of the Shakers, near here, in the picturesque hills of Columbia county, for half a century regarded as the center of Shakerism in the United States. Thousands of motorists who have traversed the Mohawk trail in New Your State and Massachusetts, one of the greatest scenic routes in the eastern part of the country, have seen and admired the Shaker colony holdings at Mount Lebanon.

Its well kept houses, barns and shops have been an inspiration to thousands of passersby. Thousands of tourists stop at the colony headquarters to purchase knit goods, household articles and candy made by the Shakers.

At the zenith of their prosperity, probably fifty years ago, there were approximately 2500 Shakers in the United States. Today there are not to exceed 250 and this remnant of the once strong organization is apportioned among the settlements at Mount Lebanon, West Pittsfield, Pat Canterbury, N. H., Alban and New Gloucester, Maine. The strongest community is that at East Canterbury.

Better Homes And Managers For the Future

BY CELIA SPARKS

For the past ... the tenth grade Home Management Class under the direction of Miss Amy ... has been studying the home and ideal. The study began with the home in general ... room, equipment in the home and also the duties ... in it.

... Concerning this phase of the plans the class was given some very good advice and important points to consider by Mr. George Evans, instructor of Manual Training. After careful thought the girls decided that their house would be built through the Building Loan Association. Since they did not thoroughly understand the plan they were favored by an enlightening and interesting explanation on the subject from Mr. George Bell who specializes in the work.

After selecting the site for the home and solving the problem of financing it the class found its next task was the planning of the house. The study of house planning has not yet been completed, but as much as has been the girls and Mr. Armstrong feel that they will be efficient and ready to build a real home.

COLUMBUS—Mrs. Warren G. Harding offered to buy back the Hutton Street home after the death of her distinguished husband Hoke Donithen, Ohio manager of the Coolidge campaign and personal friend of Mrs. Harding said in commenting on Frank ... leadership statements regarding ... purchase of the paper by Louis Brush ... Ro... Moore.

Moving Hotel On The Water

ORANGE, Texas, Feb. 16.—The "Old Soak," had he been dozing on the banks of the Sabine River recently and waked up he would have immediately signed the pledge.

Majestically sailing down stream was a two-story hotel.

The building, containing 24 rooms, had been located in Orange. When it was decided to move it to Port Neches it was placed aboard a barge and towed to its new site. The building made the trip with no damage whatever.

COTTON CONGRESS IN VIENNA

VIENNA. (United Press.) — The International Cotton Producers Congress will met here in June. More than 200 representatives of cotton growing countries will attend. The two chief subjects to be discussed are the "International Court and Cotton Litigation" and the "Rational Utilization of the Unused Cotton Growing Districts of the World."

R. L. Maddox Buys Hat Machine

R. L. Maddox returned from Ft. Worth last week where he attended a demonstration of the latest Hat Blocking machinery. While there he also took a course in Hat Blocking and Cleaning under an expert from New York who has been with the John B. Stetson Company for thirty-five years.

Mr. Maddox states that he made purchase of one of the Hat Blocking Machines which will arrive in Mexia within about twenty days and will be installed in his shop. Upon its arrival he will have an expert from the factory who will give a one day demonstration. Any one having a soiled hat or one which needs reblocking will have the privilege of doing so free of any charges for that day.

This machine will be quite an addition to Mr. Maddox's shop and will be a credit to our city.—(Adv.)

Wiley Sims of Personville was in Mexia Thursday.

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Studebaker growth has in late years been Motordom's sensation. Sales have mounted until last year 145,000 buyers of quality cars selected Studebakers. They paid over $200,000,000 for them.

All must realize that a new situation has arisen in high-grade cars. You who are interested should now analyze the reasons.

72-year traditions

The Studebaker principles have become traditions in their 72 years of existence. They have never wavered. In all changing conditions they have brought new luster to that name.

Men come and go, but a name like this becomes a heritage to foster and enhance. That's what we've done — we who have that name in keeping for a time.

* * *

Studebaker has always been a leader. For two generations it led in horse-drawn vehicles, now products of the past.

Most of you remember Studebaker carriages — queens of their time. They were used by multitudes of people who loved quality and style.

When motor cars succeeded them, Studebaker became the logical leader in that field. Any other place would have been an anomaly.

The only way to the top

A concern of this age has one fact ingrafted in its fiber. The only way to leadership is through superservice.

The leader must excel in all you seek — in quality, in beauty and in value. There is no other way to the top. Every stretch of the road is strewn with wrecks of those who tried another.

What others say — not what you say — determines your place in the long run. In every field of endeavor one must accept that fact.

We had the money, the plants, the prestige. We had the incentive of Studebaker traditions. In time we secured the men.

We told those men to build for us the utmost in fine motor cars, regardless of all costs. We pledged them our good faith and our resources.

The cost was $50,000,000

We built new factories — modern plants. We fitted them with new equipment — 12,500 up-to-date machines. Of the $50,000,000 in our plants and equipment, $32,000,000 has been invested in the past five years. So it represents the last word in efficient manufacture.

We established a Department of Methods and Standards, to fix for every Studebaker detail the maximum of quality.

We created a Bureau of Research and Experiment, employing 125 skilled men. They make 500,000 tests per year to maintain our supremacy.

They fixed countless standards, including 35 separate formulas for steels. Then on the most important steels we offered makers a bonus of 15% to conform to those standards exactly.

We invested $8,000,000 in a drop forge plant to make all our own drop forgings. $10,000,000 in body plants, to build all bodies to our standards.

We employed 1,200 skilled inspectors to see that all standards were fulfilled. There are 30,000 inspections on Studebaker cars during manufacture, before they go out from the factory.

That's the whole story

That's about the whole story. We simply followed the never-changing Studebaker principles. We gave to our buyers the utmost—values they could not match. Then they turned by tens of thousands to Studebaker cars.

Over 750,000 of those cars have gone out. Their performance has developed a demand for 150,000 per year.

Every increase in sales brought a lowered cost, which we promptly gave our buyers. Today these fine cars are offering values which no rival can approach. They have made us the world's largest builders of quality cars.

We deserve a hearing

Now we deserve a hearing. All who consider a car at $1,000 or over should learn what Studebaker offers. That in fairness to yourself and us. Check one by one the advantages we offer. You'll find them by the score.

Remember that 145,000 who did that last year chose a Studebaker car. There are nine chances in ten that you'll do it.

Consider our record, our accomplishments, our policies and principles. Consider that we have $90,000,000 at stake on satisfying men like you. Don't buy a car in this high-grade class without seeing what we give.

Find Out Why

People paid over $200,000,000 last year for Studebaker cars.

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Through A Woman's Eyes

PLANTING THE HOME GROUNDS ADDS BEAUTY AND INCREASES VALE

It takes more than a house to make a home. Likewise it takes more than a beautiful building to make an attractive place. A simple cottage or bungalow beautiful with shrubbery, trees, grass and flowers is far more attractive and homey in appearance than the most luxurious and costly mansion without these plantings.

It is positively pitiful to see the many homes that are without plantings of any kind. Such places may often be seen not only in the country, but in the cities and towns as well. When one can so easily and so inexpensively beautify these bare places with a small amount of shrubbery and trees, grass and flowers, it is nothing short of a calamity for it not to be done.

Everyone Likes Beautiful Grounds.

It is true that one may live just as long in a home that is not properly beautiful with trees, shrubbery, etc., but in such a place, one can never get the most out of life. It matters not how little beauty may mean to some people, the person never breathed who would not think more of a home properly beautified with trees, shrubbery, etc., than one built out in the open, with nothing in the way of shrubbery and grass to tie it to old mother earth. We would therefore make an earnest plea that the home grounds be planted. Do it now, as this planting work can be done any time during the winter or early spring before buds in the plants begin to swell.

Many people imagine that it is very expensive to properly plant the home grounds. We believe this is one of the outstanding reasons why so many homes are not planted. It is a mistake to think that a large amount of money is necessary to beautify the home. Of course much money may be spent for this purpose if one has large grounds and wishes an elaborate planting. But the small home or even the large one, may be properly planted with trees, shrubbery, etc., at a price that is well within the reach of everyone.

We have seen many small cottages and bungalows practically remade in appearance by the planting of only $5 to $10 worth of shrubbery and trees about the place. True, more than this amount should be spent if possible, but if more than $5 or $10 cannot be spared for this purpose, then by carefully selecting the kinds of shrubbery and trees one can make a very good showing with this small amount of money. By spending $25, $50 or $75 one can get enough shrubbery and trees to make a most excellent planting about the home. If something elaborate is desired, then a few hundred dollars will bring the desired results.

Planting the Grounds Increases Value of Property.

When looking at this matter from the dollar and cents standpoint only, it pays to plant the home grounds. The very minute one properly plants $25 to $100 worth of shrubbery, trees, flowers and grass on the home grounds, the value of the property is increased anywhere from $500 to $1,000. This has been demonstrated over and over again, and even if beautifying the home grounds means little to one, they should be beautified from the standpoint of making the property more valuable in case it is sold.

ONE MINUTE SERMON

By F. H. HUDSON

Subject: Child Welfare and the Home.

Text: "While he was yet young"

Future is most evident at the point called childhood.

Neglect of child welfare is an impeachment of home and State tomorrow.

A child [illegible] that floats the [illegible] heart [illegible] generations yet to walk [illegible].

The [illegible] cradle is the longest [illegible] in the world, planet-wide and reaching [illegible] sculptures character, [illegible] history, produces revolutions, makes peace and colors the stream of time with the gold of heaven.

"All the forces of the age
Are from heaven ordained and engaged,
For the mandate to rock the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world."

Race welfare begins with the child in the home.

Of the three God-ordained institutions, the Home, the Church and the State—the Home was the first and shall be the last.

When God would found a nation, He began with a Home.

When He would found a Church He began teaching in a Home.

The Father was the first preacher, the Mother the first teacher and the Home the first church.

Every child born, bearing the impress of "The Father of Spirits", comes to society as a gift, fresh, new, mysterious, potent with vast capabilities and possibilities for weal or woe.

But it is not an absolute gift; God gives, owns, uses and takes away.

A child is a trust involving serious responsibility on the part of Home, State and Church.

Japan has the right conception that a child is every man's child—the nation's child.

Every child's welfare depends on five things: Being well born; a good home; proper social environment; high educational facilities; and true religious training.

Of these five a good home is not the least essential.

Future America is being moulded today in American homes.

As go the Homes so will go the Nation.

The fight for the preservation of the Home is the most important battle of today.

The Nation's greatness and survival depends on the purity of her homes.

The Home is the unit; the whole cannot be essentially different from its parts.

When the Home is corrupted, the state is corrupted and fails.

When the Eternal Word and the Altar of Prayer disappear from the home, the churches are empty.

When authority and discipline disappear from the home, prisons and asylums are crowded.

Good citizens must come from good children and good children from good homes.

One cannot be raised like a pig and vote like a man.

Our laws are the outgrowth of the effort to protect and preserve the home.

Rome set her altars and firesides together; her holiest oaths were by her household Gods.

When her altars and firesides were separated, Rome fell.

American homes are indanger of losing both altars and firesides.

We are substituting the club, the theatre, the amusement place for the home and it is in danger of becoming a shelter and a boarding house.

We are delegating education and religious training to preacher and teacher.

We need a restoration of the Old Fashioned Southern Home as a fundamental step in our fight for child welfare. We need an old fashioned father with his Bible and Strap and an old fashioned mother with her gentleness and devotion.

We need laws for the protection of children from child-labor, ignorance and vice—laws looking to the giving to every child the rights of a cradle, a home, a school and a church.

We need Christian mothers in the homes.

I would rather see every club silent and every pink-tea room empty and every auto abandoned, and every millinery establishment closed, than to see our old time home life deprived of a mother's presence, love, devotion and prayers.

The mother is the silent mould of civilization—the good angel inspiring the men who make history.

Looking behind happy homes, good children and noble men, we invariably find good mothers.

Samuel, Timothy, Augustine, Wesley, Shapespeare, Burns, Washington, Lincoln and Wilson had predecessors in good mothers.

The mother's is a ministry older and deeper and stronger than the Eugenist's theories or the Sociologist's propaganda or the Prophet's message.

In her love and prayers we find the out-populating power of the Christian stock.

The heroes and servants of this age were reared by saintly mothers in good homes.

The human thorns of today—the Reds and Anarchists and Traitors—were mothered by the weeds of yesterday.

The child is father to the man; the home moulds the child; the mother makes the home.

The mother's is the longest of all earthly influences but the narrowest.

It runs in a groove reaching from time to eternity but is narrowed largely to her own home and her own children; reaching other homes and other children only in a limited way.

Women's greatest and divinest mission is to remain a mother and preserve her home.

The mightiest child-welfare force on earth is a good mother.

Her influence on the welfare of the child in her home is greater than all the clubs and associations and federations in the world.

A mother's love is more powerful than a thousand pledges signed in loyal legions.

Her example and teaching in her home are mightier than a thousand examples of virtue or vice on the outside.

If you would labor for child-welfare begin with the fathers and mothers and teach and save them that they by example and love may teach and save their children.

If you would labor for child-welfare, put God back into your homes and rekindle your dead altar fires.

God on the door posts of your homes is more important than God in your books or on your coins or in your constitution.

If you would labor for child-welfare go write above the portals of your own home: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

BACK TO THE HOME

In considering the influences that tend to disintegrate the home, joy-riding, jazzing and movies are sometimes mentioned, but never the radio.

Radio brings the family together around the fireside and even brings the neighbors together to listen to KDL and PDG programs.

The moral influence of the radio is to conserve the home and the family life of the nation, with better music, better spoken theatre plays and opera.

A premium is placed on better song artists and the better enunciation of the spoken language, which the American people are sometimes careless in using.

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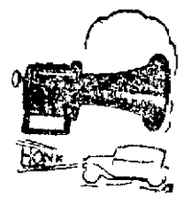

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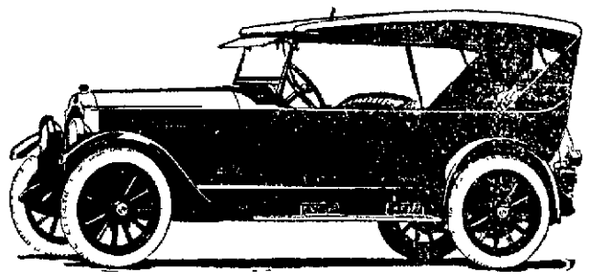

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The Hackney test, being drilled by Lytle and Carter, Iowa capitalists, three and a half miles Northeast of the Fishpond and about two miles south of Wortham, is still holding the center of interest in local oil circles. It is thought that within the next few days, it will be known just what to expect from subsequent drilling, as the drillers are to rat hole ahead before setting the casing. The bit has penetrated to a depth around 2885 feet.

Fair weather has stimulated drilling and optimism during the week just closed. Quite a number of new locations were made in the Richland field and derricks are going up for a number of new tests, including the operations of the Godley Oil Company, Max Gutman and others.

The Cerf Number 2 of the E. L. Smith Oil Company is drilling around 2000 feet. Blake Smith stated Friday that the company planned to make a deep test of this operation. According to a ruling now effective in the oil fields, no deep test is permitted within fifty feet of a shallow producer.

In the Powell field new locations have been granted for W. T. Parker's I. N. Cerf, Humphreys Oil Company's W. J. McKie 63; Simms Oil Company's H. B. Boyd 5, McMann Oil Company's P. A. Chapman 2, Tidal Oil Company's S. D. Ramsey 10A and J. K. Hughes Developing Company's Alexander 8.

The production of the Powell district is yet hanging around 100,000 with six figures yet required to record the pipe line runs. A slight increase was reported this week over last, amounting to around 1,000 barrels daily. The Humble still leads the area with slightly above 30,000 barrels daily. The Gulf Production Company is second with a yield around 17,000 barrels. The Humphreys Oil Company is third with approximately 12,000 barrels daily. Sixth in the list of successful operators is the E. L. Smith Oil Company with around 3,500 barrels daily. The J. K. Hughes Developing Company's production is showing a slight increase, its daily yield now being near the 1750 barrel mark. There are about three dozen companies and individuals participating in the production there.

The production in the Golden Lane and Fishpond at Mexia clings tenaciously to the 40,000 barrels daily point, with the Humphreys Oil Company far ahead of all other companies. In the area including Mexia, Powell and Currie, the Humphreys Oil Company and the Humble Oil Company have a daily production almost the same.

With the flush production in this area gone, the interest of all producers is expected soon to concentrate on a cleaning up campaign by which it is expected to conserve every barrel of production and to increase the yield as much as possible.

A new price is also expected within the next few days, amounting at least to an advance of 15 cents per barrel, which would make Mexia and Powell production $2.00 and Currie $2.40. It is pointed out that advances elsewhere entitle the local producers to look for such a posting.

The Marlin field is yielding around 500 barrels daily. However, that is not considered a Balconnes pool. The production area near Chilton in Falls county is now almost two years old.

With the coming of March, the dissolution of the Humphreys Oil Company is expected. A meeting has been called in Mexia, of all stockholders, to meet here on the first of March to consider its dissolution the properties to become nominally and in fact merged with the Pure Oil Company. The change will have a slight effect on offices here. Many of the heads of various departments will likely be moved elsewhere, while the regular force here will likely increase to take care of the interests of the coming, which are considered about normal, in that little change in production and not a great deal of future drilling are expected.

Limestone, Freestone and Navarro tank farms are now housing approximately 30,500,000 barrels of crude petroleum, according to records of the early part of the month. This represented a gain over the month preceding of around 1,000,000 barrels. About 25,000,000 of this is in Limestone and Freestone counties.

This production has come from around 1200 wells, 635 of which are at Powell and 585 at Mexia and Currie. The daily yield of wells in Mexia and Currie is about 70 barrels per well and at Powell is approximately 160 barrels per well.

The revenues to the section from taxes levied on the oil in storage is expected to be quite an item in the three counties concerned.

Lincoln Program Given By Pupils

The following is the program given by the 7A Literary Club of the McKinney Street Grammar School on February 12th in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

Boyhood of Lincoln—Cline West.

Manhood of Lincoln—Louise Maddox.

Lincoln as President—Corine Stevens.

The Gettysburg Address—Bower Crider.

Description of Lincoln, The Man—Madie Mae Tharton.

Incidents in the Life of Lincoln—
Barker Preddy
Wayne Laird
Bowman Snider
Harold Walker

Poem "Abraham Lincoln" by Richard Henry Stoddard—Margret Smith

The program was completed by the class reciting in concert the following quotation from Abraham Lincoln:

"I will study and prepare myself, and then some day my chance will come."

ROME.—They still want Harry Sinclair as king of Albania. According to reports here there is a lively struggle going on in the Albanian parliament over the form of government to be adopted and the choice of a ruler. Sinclair is mentioned along with Prince Nicholas of Roumaina, Prince Charles of Jugo-Slavia and Prince Sixtus of Parma.

Music Club Gives Program Friday

The 7A Music Club of the McKinney Street Grammar school met Friday, February 15th. The class was called to order by the president. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the class was then entertained by the following program:

Life of George Washington—Margaret Smith

Reading—Irene Westmoreland.

Quintette—Clyde Wesson, Donald Cox, Bower Crider, Robert Hosely, and Wayne Lair.

Readings—Louise Maddox.

Joke—Barker Preddy

—Class Reporter.

DALLAS.—Anyone caring to have their photograph taken free of charge may do so by being electrocuted at the state prison. Photographs of the five negroes given the extreme penalty there recently, have been received by the bureau of criminal identification at police headquarters here. Hereafter, all persons electrocuted at Huntsville will be photographed.

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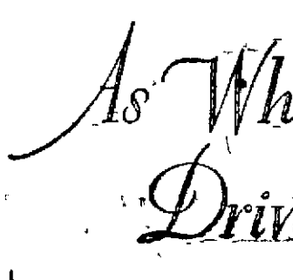

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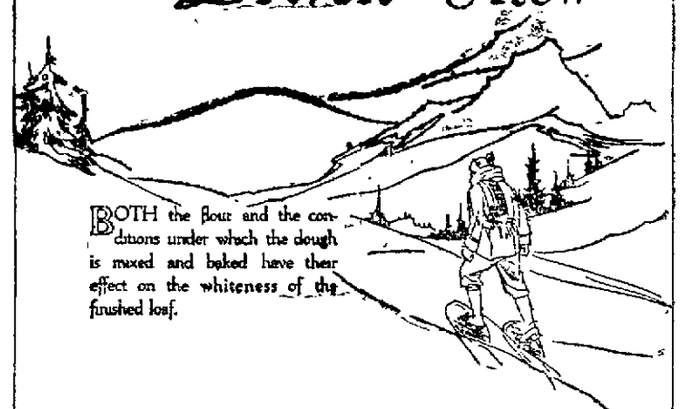

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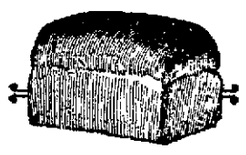

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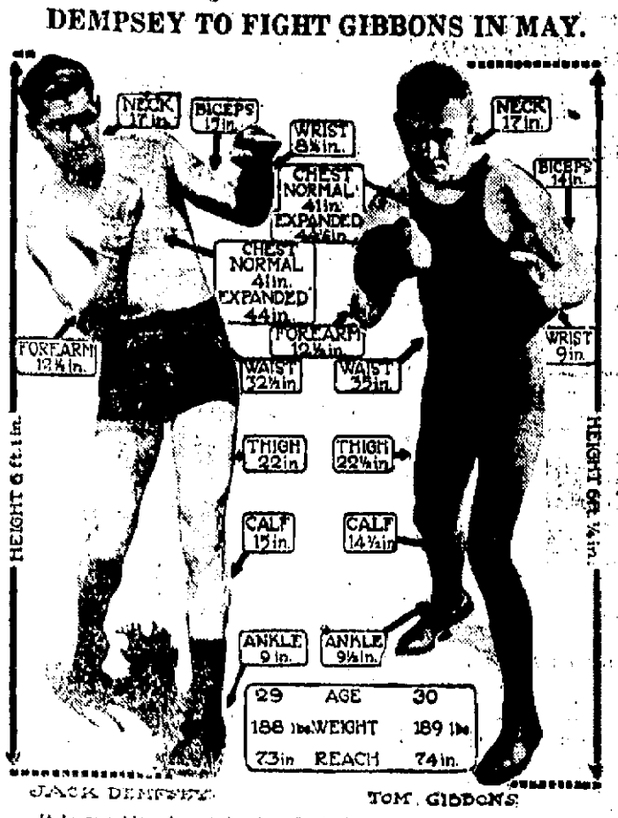

It is considered certain that Jack Dempsey will meet Tomm. Gibbons, the only man who ever stayed the limit with him since he became champion, in a championship 15-round bout in New York City the last week in May. Gibbons, meantime, will be brought East and matched with Gene Tunney and others to let the cash customers see what he can do, and to stem up interest in the fight with Dempsey. It is probable Dempsey will meet Luis Angel Firpo in New York on July 4, and take on Harry Wills, negro contender, in the same ring on Labor Day.

Noted Linguist Teaches i nTexas

By FRANCES ETHEL WIPFF

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 16.—One of the country's most noted linguists is teaching Texas boys and girls at the State University. Harry J. Leon of the classical language department of the University of Texas speaks seven languages fluently and reads four others with ease. If he were in a truly cosmopolitan group of people, he could talk with the German, the Frenchmen, the Greek, the Italian, and Englishman. If none of the group spoke German, French, Greek, Italian or English, he could use Yiddish. With the old churchmen, he could converse in Latin. Mr. Leon reads Spanish, ancient Greek, Hebrew and Sanskrit.

"If I had the chance to practice Spanish, I am sure that I could learn to speak it, too," he added modestly, "for the acquiring of a foreign language is a mere matter of practice."

Mr. Leon was connected with Harvard University for eight years. During six years of that time he was a resident student, getting his B. A. degree in 1918 and his M. A. in 1919. During the year 1920 he spent the time in doing work for his Ph. D. degree, the requirements of which he hoped to complete this year. His eyes, however, have prevented his working as much as he desired. Mr. Leon received the Sheldon Scholarship which entitled him to spend the next two years in Rome and on the continent of Europe studying languages. He had his headquarters at the American Academy in Rome, but spent some time studying languages in various parts of the country. He devoted most of his time to Italy and Greece, however.

During the long session of 1922-23, Mr. Leon was an instructor in the University of Pittsburgh. This year he is teaching both Latin and Greek in the University of Texas.

Mr. Leon spent his boyhood days in Worcester, Mass., and received his high school training there. He was fortunate, he said, in getting a training in the languages while in high school. He studied French, German, Greek, and English in school and took outside work in Hebrew.

He pointed out that languages grow and change with the people.

"We could not understand Homer, Marlowe, or even Shakespear if we did not know the languages used by each author during his own day. Language, however, is not only the key to literature, but it is a record of man's history and his development. The knowledge of languages adds to comprehension in our own native speech. I recommend that every American who wishes to become educated have a thorough knowledge of English, of two modern foreign languages, and of one ancient language, Latin preferably.

"We should know languages because in the future we are going to come in closer contact with the peoples of the world. Europeans in general already are far in advance of Americans. French is the best modern language to know, because it will get one farther on the continent. For business purposes, especially in Texas, one should know Spanish; for scientific purposes one should know both French and German."

As an incident giving importance of knowing languages, Mr. Leon said:

"There are many who believe that people speaking the same language should be united under one government. If everyone sincerely believed that, we should be united with the Italian government. The Angelo Saxons speak a language which was derived from one spoken by a Germanic people. The Germanic people in turn derived their speech from a Celtic people. The Celtic people got their language from the Latin when Rome conquered them."

SAXON QUEEN PEDDLES NEEDLEWORK.

Former Queen Louise of Saxony, 50 years old, living in Brussels under the name of Countess Dysette for the past twelve years, has been reduced to peddling embroidery on the streets to eke out a miserable existence. The former Queen is separated from her husband, Tonsell famous composer, with whom she eloped 20 years ago. She receives a pension from her former husband, ex-King Frederick of Saxony, but it is payable in marks and amounts to only a few cents.

McGRAW TAKES A SLAP AT THE CINCINNATI REDS

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—In the midst of all the nice things that are being said about the Cincinnati Reds, the voice of John McGraw causes a harsh discord when he remarks:

"Pennant for the Reds?—They'll do well to finish third."

For the sake of those who might at first thought attach some infallibility to the words and opinions of McGraw, it might be recalled that the leader of the Giants said the same thing last year about the Reds.

When Pat Moran finished the season in second place, McGraw admitted that he was mistaken in underestimating the strength of the Cincinnati club, but he said that he was still of the opinion that the Pittsburgh Pirates should have finished second.

McGraw does not think no more of the pennant chances of the Reds this year than he did last winter and he quotes the same reason—"no punch."

The Giant leader isn't even willing to admit that Cincinnati has a superior pitching staff.

"Carl Mays and Jake May will not be winners. Sheehan may, but that's just a guess," he says. "With Donohue, Rixey and Luque, the Reds are no better fixed with pitchers than I am."

McGraw figures that Jack Bentley is going to be the big surprise of the 1924 season. He insists that he can make a winning pitcher out of Joe Oeschger and he looks to Art Nehf for a better season. On the law of averages, he feels he should get at least one good pitcher out of the twenty new ones he has signed.

Granting that McGraw is a genius, Connie Mack the most successful manager in the business P must be admitted that he has always been a poor judge of players. His average is not 500.

If the Reds were good enough to be the class of the club last season, it would be logical to figure that they would be at least seven games better this year. Mays, Sheehan and Luque have got to be busts and that would make the entire Red staff the best that the Giant staff would be the best that it appears to be next season.

FEEDING THE LIONS

The lions in the zoological gardens must be fed fresh meat at stated periods or they perish for lack of nourishment.

The same principle applies to the managers of city politics—the municipal machine must have new blocks of voters to replace its losses.

When a city like Seattle, Detroit or San Francisco takes over the street car lines, the municipal machine adds thousands of voters to its payrolls.

As the city grows and becomes a great political power in state affairs it reaches out for other utilities and endeavors to extend its control over country areas in order to have food for its army of office-holders through which it controls elections.

To illustrate: Ten years ago San Francisco voters were asked for and authorized $45,000,000 for supply of pure mountain water, but have not yet received the water.

Now they are asked for some $39,000,000 more, ostensibly to complete the water project, but in reality to develop electric light and power in addition to the water system.

To gain votes the municipal machine tells voters it will operate light and power plants and prevent "robbery" of the people by private companies.

Private plants in all cities are under state regulation, their rates are fixed by law and they give adequate service or can be made to do so at no expense to taxpayers.

But their properties extend far into other counties in the state where the municipal machine seeks political power, hence the desire for municipal ownership with additional thousands of city employes—the municipal lions must have meat.

Generally speaking, the conditions under which city machine politics operate are the same in Detroit, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and all other large cities.

The issue is one of private ownership non-political state control and regulation as opposed to public ownership under political machine management.

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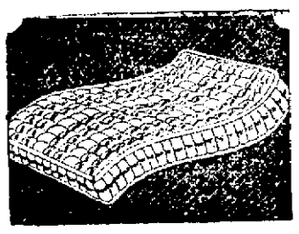

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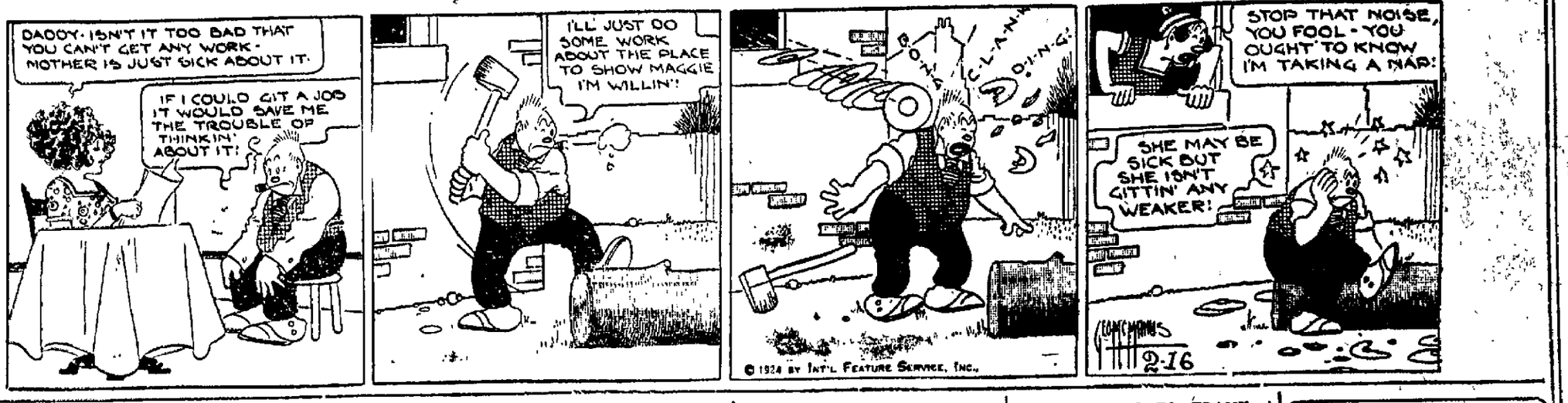
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LOST—Bunch of Keys, 2 big brass keys and 3 Yale keys. Please return to Wortham, Texas, care Gulf Pipe Line Co., or bring to News Office. Will pay reward. One key No. 84. 11D3

FOUND—Automobile casing Thursday on Reunion ground road. Owner may recover by paying for this ad at News Office. 15D3

WANTED TO BUY—E

WANT TO BUY—J. K. Hughes Developing Company, E. L. Smith Oil Company, Mexia Heart of Pool Royalty Company, Powell Five Hundred, Jesse McLendon, room 1 McLendon building, Mexia, Texas. 18E30

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FOR SALE—Nice Jersey cow with young calf. Price $60. See P. L. Martin 15J2

FOR SALE—Six and 5 passenger 2 cylinder Chevrolet, 1920 model, Capitol cab. See P. L. Martin 15J2

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Mrs. J. C. Sloan, of Wichita Falls, has returned to her home after a visit in the home of her brother, Sam Cox of this place.

HOUSES FOR RENT—K

FOR RENT—Five room house close in, also light housekeeping rooms furnished. Apply 201 North Denham, call 683-J. 9K7

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FOR RENT—Desirable two and three room apartments, conveniently located, all modern conveniences, lights, gas and water, furnished. Reasonable rates. Gates Apartments, 831 East Commerce St. Telephone 633. 8L26

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NOTICE.

We have sold the business known as The Bon Ton Bakery, to Propp Bros., they taking charge of same on 11th day of February, 1924. We will not be responsible for any debts or contracts entered into after above date.

Bon Ton Bakery. 15-10

H. G. Jones of Bryan was in the city Thursday.

INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

WHO?—Single persons who had net income of $1,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of $1,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of $2,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more must file returns.

WHEN?—The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924.

WHERE?—Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

HOW?—Instructions on Form 1040-A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT?—Four per cent normal tax on the first $4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemption and credits for dependents. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of net income. Surtax from 1 per cent to 50 per cent on net incomes over $6,000 for the year 1923.

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North bound—

315	From cut-off	1:47 p. m.
15	Dallas Ft. Worth	2:14 p. m.
31	Dallas Ft. Worth	12.50 p. m.
37	Dallas Ft. Worth	5:14 a. m.
17	Dallas Ft. Worth	4:35 a. m.
19	Dallas Ft. Worth	3:55 a. m.

South bound—

316	To cut-off	7:00 a. m.
16	Houston San Antonio	11:45 a. m.
32	From Dallas	10:08 a. m.
78	Austin San Antonio	12:21 a. m.
18	Houston San Antonio	1:07 a. m.
20	Houston San Antonio	12.16 a. m.

T. & B. V.

North.
No. 8—3.25 p. m.
South.
No. 7—12:55 p. m.

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Equally at Home Any Old Place

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 16.—Besides being good swimmers, dancers, riders and baseball players, co-eds at the University of Texas are also excellent hikers. And they do not stop at taking ten mile hikes, but go in for real hikes of 20 miles and 50 miles. Each year the Varsity hikers take two 50-mile hikes and four 20-mile hikes, besides the shorter ones throughout the year. On March 1 the first group of 50-mile hikers will leave Austin and will walk either to Kyle, a distance of 25 miles, and back, or they will walk to New Braunfels and ride back. The co-eds, arrayed in their regulation hiking togs, spend three days making their journey. Points toward the coveted Longhorn athletic "T" are awarded for the hikes.

CARPENTIER DETHRONED

PARIS.—Eugene Criqui and not Georges Carpentier is the best boxer in France, judging from a referendum taken by l'Auto. Of 15,000 odd votes, Criqui received 6,860, and Carpentier, who never recovered from the affair in New Jersey, 5,812. Battling Siki has still 214 admirers at least. A warrior named Routis got two votes and Barrick and Gleizes voted for themselves.

Orvel Hornbeck, of Tehuacana was in the city Friday.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
STATE OF TEXAS,
City of Mexia,
County of Limestone.

On this the 11th day of February, 1924, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, convened pursuant to adjournment in the City Hall, E. Watson, Mayor, W. C. Wilson, Commissioner, and J. R. Forrest, Commissioner, being present, and among other business transacted, the following ordinance was passed:

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance ordering a special election in the City of Mexia, Texas, on the 18th day of March, 1924, for the submission of the question, "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING FROM THE CITY OF MEXIA AT LARGE A CHARTER COMMISSION OF NOT LESS THAN 15 MEMBERS AND DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH SAID ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AND APPOINTING PRESIDING OFFICERS THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

WHEREAS, the City of Mexia, Texas, has more than 5,000 actual bona fide inhabitants, and whereas, since its incoropration the City has been operating under the General Statutes of Texas, and without a Charter, and whereas, it will be to the best interest and general welfare of said City to adopt a Charter, and thereby confer upon said city the full powers of local self government, as contemplated and authorized by Article 11, Section 5, Constitution of Texas as amended in 1912, and all laws pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of February, 1924, the following request was made to the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, for action:

"We, the undersigned resident citizens of the City of Mexia, Texas, hereby respectfully request the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners to submit to the voters of said city the question whether a commission shall be chosen to frame a charter for said city, said question to be submitted at the first opportune time." signed by W. J. Keeling and 97 others, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, by a unanimous vote of its members deems it advisable to order an election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the question "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER"; and for the purpose of electing 15 members from the City at large to compose such Charter Commission, and

WHEREAS, the next regular municipal election in and for the City of Mexia, cannot and will not be held until the 9th day of April, 1925 which will be more than 90 days after this ordinance shall have been passed, and it being, therefore, impracticable and impossible to hold the election herein provided for at the next regular municipal election,

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas:

Section 1. That a special election be held Tuesday the 18th day of March 1924, in the City of Mexia, Texas, for the purpose of submitting the following question, to-wit: "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER".

Section 2. That at said election also, there shall be elected from amongst the qualified voters of said city at large 15 Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to frame, report and submit such Charter, in case of a majority of the qualified voters at said election shall vote in favor of the proposition, to choose a Commission to frame such Charter.

Section 3. That the following shall be the form of the ballot to be used in determining the questions provided for in the sections 1 and 2 hereof, at said election, to-wit:

"FOR THE CHOOSING OF A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MEXIA, TEXAS".

"AGAINST THE CHOOSING OF A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MEXIA, TEXAS."

Provided that if any person or persons shall desire to become a candidate or to nominate any person or persons for candidates for members of the said Commission they shall file such names with the City Secretary of the City of Mexia, Texas, not later than the 14th day of March 1924 at 5 o'clock; and the names so filed shall be printed on said ballot in the appropriate blanks, following the provision for an affirmative vote. And in such case, it shall be proper and sufficient for the voter, voting for said Commission to strike out the names of persons for whom he does not desire to vote, and, it shall be proper also for such voter to add to the list of names which may be on the said ballot the names of other persons for whom he desires to vote, and, in case no name shall be printed on said ballot, as herein provide for, the voter shall write thereon the names of those for whom he desires to vote for as members of such Commission. Provided further, that the failure of any voter to vote for as many as 15 separate persons for members of such Commission shall not invalidate his ballot.

Section 4. That the polling place for holding said election shall be the City Hall in the City of Mexia, Texas, and H. L. Hall shall be the presiding officer to hold said election.

Section 5. That said election shall be held under the provision of Chapter 147, Acts of the Legislature of the State of Texas of 1913, Regular Session; and all persons qualified to vote in said City, under the laws of this State, regulating general elections, shall be allowed to vote.

Section 6. That the manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas, regulating General Elections, when not in collict with the provisions of the law hereinabove referred to.

Section 7. That notice of said election shall be given by publishing this ordinance under the style: "NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION," in the Official Newspaper of said city, published in said city, for thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election, and shall serve as legal notice of same.

Section 8. The fact that the City of Mexia, Texas, is at the present time without a Charter, and that the public interest requires a Charter, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the rules requiring ordinances to be read upon more than one day, and for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance and such rules are hereby suspended, and it is ordained that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this the 11th day of February, 1924.

E. WATSON, Mayor.

Attest:
R. D. Morgan, City Secretary.
(Feb. 12 to March 17 incl)

CANDIDATES
Announcements
1924 ELECTIONS

LIMESTONE COUNTY

The following candidates for the offices named submit their names subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in Limestone county on the 26th day of July, 1924:

For Governor—
FELIX G. ROBERTSON.

For District Judge, 77th Judicial Dis.
C. H. MACHEN

For Judge 87th Judicial District—
J. ROSS BELL
(Re-Election 2nd Term)
J. E. WOODS.

For District Clerk—
ELLIS DICKERSON.
M. A. AINSWORTH.

For Representative Limestone County
W. P. ALEXANDER.

For County Judge—
H. F. KIRBY (Re-election sought)
JOHNSON WAKEFIELD
B. W. MILES.

For County Clerk—
J. L. DAY, (re-election.)

For County Tax Assessor—
TOM M. CAIN
R. W. (BOB) STEEN
A. A. HYDEN.
J. L. HIGGINBOTHAM

For Tax Collector—
W. A. ROBBINS. (re-election.)

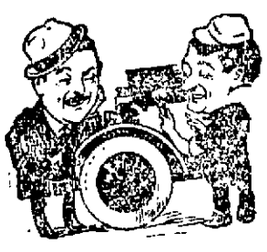
For County Treasurer—
H. C. FITZGERALD.

For Sheriff—
WHIT POPEJOY (re-election.)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4—
JOHN M. KENNEDY, (re-election)

For County Treasurer—
MRS. LULA OATES, (re-election.)

County Attorney—
SCOTT REED (re-election, second term.)



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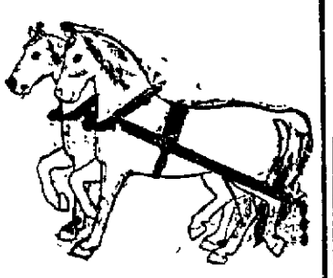

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T. & B. V. May Use Katy Trackage From Waxahachie to Dallas

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 16.—The Trinity & Brazos Valley Railroad has not abandoned its plans to enter Dallas by a trackage arrangement with the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad from Waxahachie to Dallas, giving a new and a short line from Dallas to Houston, according to Gen. John A. Hulen of Houston, receiver for the T. & B. V., who is in Dallas on business.

With an entrance into Dallas over the Katy from Waxahachie, the T. & B. V. would have a route from Dallas to Houston which would be sixteen miles shorter than the Houston & Texas Central and almost 100 miles shorter than the route of the Katy, Gen. Hulen said.

Another material advantage that the T. & B. V. would enjoy would be its small grade, which is the lowest of any railroad in Texas. Hauling costs are greatly decreased over a road with a slight grade, as heavier loads can be pulled at less expense than over a road with heavy grades, he said.

"While the T. & B. V. would be a competitor of the Katy if our line entered Dallas over the Katy tracks, any road will make trackage arrangements with another line if the arrangements are profitable enough," said Gen. Hulen. "We have not abandoned our plans to enter Dallas by any means."

The purchase of the International and Great Northern properties by the Gulf Coast lines will not affect Dallas in any way, in the opinion of Gen. Hulen, but will furnish the Gulf Coast system with roads into two important Mexican gateways, at Brownsville and at Laredo. The I. & G. N. has a line from San Antonio to Laredo, and also from Fort Worth to Houston and Galveston.

Rotary Clubs Treats High School

By HAROLD WRIGHT

The Rotary club held its regular weekly luncheon in the cafeteria of the Mexia High School Thursday at noon. After the luncheon the students and faculty of the school were invited to assemble with the members of the club in the auditorium to hear the address given by the guest of honor, Major Mills of Corsicana.

Major Mills was introduced by Mr. Berry, president of the Rotary club. His subject for discourse was Texas History. The speaker emphasized the fact that Texas has the greatset history of any state in the Union, and that her heroes rank as high as those of the earlier period of our nation. He made mention of the events that occurred at the Alamo, Goliad, and San Jacinto, giving interesting accounts of each.

The audience greatly appreciated the address given by Major Mills, and the High School wishes to thank the Rotary club for bringing this privilege to its students and faculty.

Glee Club Holds "Peppy" Meeting

Wednesday afternoon the Glee club met in the auditorium of the Mexia High School, and elected new officers. The following officers were elected: Birdie Crider as president; Aileen Tittle as vice president; Velma Wallace as secretary and treasurer and Undine Weaver as reporter. After all the business details had been completed, there followed a "peppy." Everyone was made lively by the effective tones of "Oh Me, Oh My." The Glee club adjourned to meet Friday, Feb. 15, 1924.

Friday Feb. 15, 1924, the Glee club met at the home of Birdie Crider for its first social. When we had all gathered here, everyone was tired and worn out, However, when practice began, led by our most capable leader, Miss Lambeth, all began smiling and were full of pep. After practice the club was called to order by the president, Birdie Crider. All business having been completed, refreshments were served by the assistance of Mrs. Crider. Everyone present had an enjoyable time. The club adjourned to meet Wednesday, Feb. 20.

—Reporter.

North of Teague Test Promising

The Shirley and Gilespie well on the Hackney-Weaver tract 4 miles northwest of Teague is drilling below 2000 feet and showing is encouraging. Little publicity has been given this test but the bit has been steadily going down seeking the sand encountered at 2075 feet in the well drilled ¼ mile east of present location in 1921 which at that depth found a rich oil bearing sand. Cores taken indicate a very favorable formation and the chalk was entered about 20 feet higher than in the well drilled in 1921, having been entered at this time at 2315. At 1900 it is reported a strong gas pressure was in evidence. This location is considered prominent geologically and much scouting is being noted. This may be considered the "crucial" period for this well and should the sand again be encountered it is expected that lease values will go far above prices now being paid.

AUSTIN.—Robin Red Breast must not be molested, the state game, fish and oyster commission has warned. Alarmed by the reported wholesale slaughter of robins, the commission has called attention to the state and federal statutes prohibiting the killing of these birds. Several fines have been levied against offenders.

MABLE CASTLE WANTED

There is a notice on the bulletin board at the postoffice stating that Mable Castle is wanted to call Breckenridge for a death message. Or see the postmaster.

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Children 10c; Adults 22c
Matinee and Night

CLOTHING CLASS STARTS SPRING WORK AT HI SCHOOL

By GEORGIA HOOVER

Since Christmas the second year Home Economics Class has started their spring wardrobe with gingham dresses. What is more suggestive of spring than a cool colored gingham dress? The class has already made one allotment of pretty and attractive wash dresses. Each girl was required to make this dress principally to learn how to make a dress without a pattern and for the purpose of creating new ideas and designs. Before the end of the term they will make a Hoffdin suit, a linen dress, a sheer wash dress, a man's shirt, a tailored dress and probably a few projects in madeover frocks and a suit.

Nowadays one's money is spent more for clothes than for any other thing. In order to have just as nice clothes, but at less expense we have made out budgets which estimate approximately the per cent of one's income that may be spent for clothes. This gives each girl a chance to determine her share of the family income which she may spend for her clothes. This training in the budget system teaches each girl how she may have the clothes she desires yet stay within the family income.

The clothing contest will be held in Galveston this year and we are looking forward with all anticipation. The advantages of the contest will be many and each girl is striving to attain the honor of representing the Mexia High School in this clothing contest.

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THURSDAY - FRIDAY SATURDAY

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Girl's Club Has Unusual Program

By OREE STEPHENS

The members of the Athenaem Society enjoyed an unusually good program at their regular meeting Thursday afternoon. The attendance was almost one hundred per cent and four new members were added.

The first and probably the most enjoyed number on the program was a Valentine Dance by one of the Physical Training Classes. There was a Valentine Story, a short debate on the subject, "Resolved that students having an average of ninety per cent or over should be exempt from final examinations," and a discussion of the origina of Valentine Day. The term of the acting officers having expired, new officers were elected. Ajleen Tittle was made president and Lurlie Betts, secretary.

The members heard with deep regret that Miss Vest who has so faithfully sponsored the club since its organization had found it necessary to give up her place with the club because of other responsibilities. While they regret that they must give up Miss Vest, the girls gladly welcome their new sponsor, Mrs. Krueger.

Before adjournment, the club was invited into the cafeteria where delightful refreshments were served by Miss Vest. An especial mark of honor at this meeting was the presence of Superintendent and Principal, Mr. Puckett and Mr. Andrews.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Nova Scotia now possesses one motor car for every 29 inhabitants.

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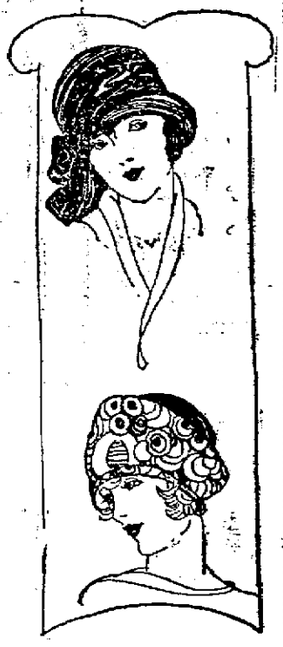

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Man's Arrest May Reveal Murder Mysteries

HELP MEXIA GROW

Water and fire are recognized, next to wine and war, as the most powerful forces of destruction known to God, nature and man. The God of Books says that hell is made up of the presence of one and absence of the other. Last summer when lawns were parching under the hot rays of the sun and gardens were wilting for need of water, the citizenship here urged that something be done to prevent a repitition of such an infernal catastrophe.

Now is the time to take corrective steps.

If Mexia is powerless today to act, let's know the reason why and dispense with the trouble "before summer's sunrise."

The water situation stands paramount above everything else, above arguments, above debates, above street cleaning, above home building, above local politics, above county elections, above state contests, above the Tea Pot Dome and above all other important matters now before the American public. It is a matter of health and happiness, a subject of expansion and progress, a problem of life itself.

What will Mexia do about it?

What can Mexia do about it?

These are the questions of the hour.

It's time to be up and doing.

The eighth chapter of Genesis tells the brief story of the annihilation of the human race, with the exception of Noah and his family and the savings of 120 years. Flood was used as the weapon of the Lord when Man forgot his Maker. The nineteenth chapter of the same Book chronicles the reduction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Fire and brimstone were used in their extermination.

Since that time both have existed to bless the children of men. Many instances have occurred since then when fire and flood, unharnessed and uncontrolled, have left death and destruction, havoc and suffering, wreck and ruin as monumental evidences of their might and main.

They are forces originally conceived to bless and not to curse, to aid and not to injure, to have and shield life and not to torment and finally take it.

God made them. Man, a free moral agent, blessed with brains and crowned with a conscience, must use them, if advantage be gained.

Mexia citizens ought to be at work on this problem while the fire-department is in its station, and not while it is out fighting a big fire witha weak stream; now while there is plenty of moisture on the grass and in the sod and not when a mere trickle of water comes through the hydrants next summer.

The water is here. Mexia citizens know this to be true and the only question, after all, is, will Mexia vote a bond issue, if necessary, to provide adequate surplus storage right here at the city for emergency purposes.

The little "smoke stack" on the hill used as a water tower doesn't hold much more than enough water for the schools of the city for one day, much less for a city of from 8,000 to 10,000.

The ladies of the city are interested in a clean up campaign. In April delegates from all over this part of Texas will gather here for a district meeting of Women's clubs. Mexia should have on her best, for the ladies are coming. The cooperation of every citizen is urged and perhaps by then the street cleaner will be able to help keep the good work going.

Dr. W. R. Hodges, Sanitation Superintendent, states that if the house wives will see that the bottles and cans and debris around home premises are collected and placed in boxes or other receptacles near the streets, where they may be seen by the trash wagon drivers, that they will be hauled off without expense to the individual. Much time is lost, and at a great expense, he says, by the city in this work, when they find that their employes have to do what the home owners ought to do, and have to get off their wagons and hunt for the trash pile or perhaps even scrape it up from all over a lot.

A Teague grocery truck, bringing goods to Mexia, got stuck in an alley here Saturday. There are two phases to that story deserving editorial comment, but they both make us blush so red that we can't put it in black and white.

Four Convicts Die In Alabama Prison Blaze

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 16.—Four convicts were burned to death and $100,000 damage was done when fire destroyed the main building at the flat top prison last night. The fire was not of incendiary origin, officials said. No escapes and no panic.

John Phillips Is Optimistic After Trip to Markets

John Phillips, manager of Karner and Phillips, returned the past week from market centers, where he carefully studied the displays of leading wholesalers of New York, St. Louis and other points and where he made such purchases as will give the local establishment the largest line of timely offerings which it has ever assembled at one season for the surrounding section.

Mr. Phillips states that 1924 is to be a prosperous period for his part of Texas, that prosepects point to a season of progress, of which Mexia is to be the center, and that he is anxious for his store to reflect in detail the "Go Forward" spirit which has made Mexia the best known city of 10,000 population in the southwest.

He is anxious to see Mexia's trade territory expand this year, reaching more farmers from a greater distance, and consequently has made his purchases to please the most fastidious of the community as well as to meet the demands of those who look for simpler materials, but none the less of real quality and service.

In his trip East, he found that Texas was in the spotlight, due in no small way to the articles by such noted writers as Arthur Brisbane, Theodore H. Price and others as well as to the publicity concerning the contemplated Texas Centennial exposition.

Of great interest he found new creations for Mi-lady and smart suggestions for children and his purchases were made knowing that the demand for high grade merchandise for spring and summer would be more exacting than ever.

Mr. Phillips reports business constantly growing better in Mexia and Saturday was just another busy and better day for Karner & Phillips, he declared, while he checked up on latest goods just arrived.

Nowlin Auxiliary Serves Valentine Dinner To Post

Nowlin Post Auxiliary served a valentine dinner to members of the post and their guests last Tuesday evening. The tables were made beautiful with decorations of red hearts and candles and small valentines used as place cards. The menu perpared and cooked in their own kitchen at Legion Hall, consisted of baked ham with strawberry beets and corn pudding, baked apple salad with mayonaise, heart-shaped biscuits and butter, red gelatined fruit with heart-shaped cookies, tiny red hearts of mint candy, tea and coffee. The centerpiece of each table was a big red Jack Horner pie, from which each guest drew his portion. Although not edible this pie proved quite a success and was thoroughly enjoyed.

This especial program being under the auspices of the Auxiliary, Mrs. Eugene Teter, who is our only member of both Legion and Auxiliary, was asked to preside and did so in her always efficient and charming manner. An informal social evening followed the dinner.

TRAVELING POST OFFICES

MOSCOW.—Because of the great distances in Russia between post offices, a system of traveling post-offices has been established. A postman with the necessary stamps, seals, etc., will visit remote villages once a week, deliver mail, sell stamps, accept letters, money orders, etc., and then move on to the next village.

Meeting Of Baseball Fans Monday Night

Jesse McLendon, president of the Mexia Gushers, has issued a call for all baseball fans in this community to be present at a meeting to be held in the Hurdleston Hotel Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All lovers of the sport who wish to see the Mexia club on an equal with the best clubs in the league are especially urged to be present. No live town wishes to be without a live baseball club and no live baseball club can exist in a dead town. The co-operation of all the fans is needed to help put over a winning club for this year that will duplicate if not excell the excellent record made by the Gushers last year.

A good start has been made toward producing an organization of the best class here but only the backing that comes from loyal, interested patrons can keep the thing going. Come and be on time.

DENBY EXPECTED TO QUIT SOON IS RUMORED IN NAVY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The resignation of Secretary of the Navy Denby as a result of the abrupt halting by President Coolidge of the dirigible Shenandoah's North Pole trip was reported in navy circles to be imminent.

Denby, it was said, among navy officers, felt this more keenly than he did the adoption of the Senate resolution condemning him in connection with the naval oil reserves and demanding that he resign.

In other quarters it was intimated that Mr. Coolidge may have taken this step to afford Denby an opportunity to quit the Cabinet voluntarily.

LAREDO, Texas, Feb. 16.—Apparently reliable reports received here today told of the execution of four officers of the De la Huerta revolutionary forces in Nuevo Laredo Friday. The officers reported to have faced a firing squad are: General Larralde, Colonels Dortio Solis, and Encarnacion Morales, and Major Edurado Arreyano. The men sang songs of the rebellion as they went to their death, the reports said. The four were captured at Monterey and brought here with fifteen other prisoners Thursday. They were court-martialed immediately and sentenced to be shot a few hours later. The remaining fifteen have not yet been sentenced.

MRS. WATKINS SURPRISED BY FRIENDS WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Owen F. Watkins, East Hopkins street was tendered a surprise birthday party Wednesday evening. Her friends arrived in a group bringing with them a white cake with sixteen lighted candles. Punch was served during the evening, games were played, an enjoyable time was had by all.

Mrs. Watkins was the recipient of many lovely gifts and good wishes.

BAYLOR CHORAL CLUB COMING TO MEXIA

The Baylor Choral Club of Belton will be here Tuesday, Feb. 26th. This announcement was made late Saturday. Arrangements will be made at an early date as to the place where the club will entertain.

COMMISSIONERS TO REPLY TO CHARGES OF MAYOR

Following the appearance of the article in Friday's issue of the Mexia Daily News, signed by Mayor Ernest Watson, in which he discusses various civic questions, calling attention to lack of harmony between him and the Commissioners, J. R. Forrest and W. C. Wilson, Commissioners today signed the following statement:

TO THE PUBLIC

Regretting the necessity of having to publish an answer to the Mayor's article that appeared in this paper last Friday, we, your City Commissioners, are due you a brief statement of the conditions that now, and have existed continuously since our election. There has been considerable propaganda put out on the streets from time to time, eminating from our Mayor, indicating disturbed conditions and lack of harmony in our official family, and we have endured all along, hoping no harm was being done the administration of the city's affairs, and that we might come to have a common and proper conception of our relative duties, reponsibilities and privileges under the law, but it seems we have been unable to agree along these lines, and shall never reach the same conclusion. The entire trouble has been caused from the fact that our Mayor asserts unto his office, sole authority to conduct the city's affairs, and disregards the plain provisions of the law defining the responsibilities and duties of the Commissioners. Kindly withhold your opinion until we can publish our statement for the public within a few days.

Respectfully,
J. R. FORREST,
W. C. WILSON.

1189 Poll Taxes Paid In Mexia

According to the records at the office of city tax collector R. D. Morgan approximately $70,000 in city taxes have been collected to the present. Delinquent notices are being made out now and it is thought that by next week they will all be out.

The records also show 1180 poll taxes paid.

MEMORIAL BUILDING FOR MEXIA TO BE SUBJECT DISCUSSED BY LEGIONNAIRES TUESDAY NIGHT

At the next dinner by the Nowlin Post of the American Legion to be held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday evening, February 19th, at 7:00 P. M., the subject to be dsicussed is "Why Mexia Needs a Memorial Building."

A large number of representative citizens of Mexia not members of the American Legion will be guests on that occasion, and will deliver addresses. At this meeting, plans will be determined for the launching of a campaing in Mexia for the building of this much needed institution.

These dinners are served at the small cost of fifty cents, and the Legion is especially anxious to get every ex-soldier in Mexia, whether a member of the American Legion or not, to attend this meeting, as the success of the undertaking is to a large extent dependent upon the interest manifested by the veterans of the World War themselves. Members are urged to arrange their affairs to attend this dinner. Nowlin Post, American Legion feels that in so doing a valuable service will be rendered toward Mexia. Those who can attend this meeting, kindly notify Legion officials so that the Woman's Auxiliary can have advance information on how many plates to prepare for the dinner.

It is essential that all unite in a supreme effort to obtain for Mexia a public auditorium which will be of inestimable worth to its entire citizenship.

Lieut. Griffis Greeted Back in America.

Lieutenant Corliss Hooven Griffis is shown as he was greeted by American Legion members in New York, upon his return from a German prison, from which he was pardoned for his attempt to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious millionaire draft dodger of Philadelphia.

CIVIC LEAGUE TO CONSIDER PARK EQUIPMENT PLANS

Mrs. W. W. Barnett, President of the Civic League, has called a meeting of the membership to meet next Thursday at 3:00 p. m. The meeting will be held in the Libraary and a large attendance is urged. Among the important matters to be considered will be plans to improve the Hughes City Park, equipping it for its most advantageous use to the children of the community and making it a beautiful asset to the city and section.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN

McKinney and Carthage Sts.
Rev. Victor K. Aubrey, pastor.
Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
Bible classes for all ages.
Morning service 11 a. m.
Sermon "Friendship according to Jesus." by pastor.
Conference of Canvas Workers at 11:45 a. m.
Led by Ben F. Stollenwerck, director.
Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.
Senior Endeavor, 6:15 p. m.
Evening Service, 7:15 p. m.
Sermon "Slaying Sin"
Quartette "The Hand that Was Wounded for Me." by Towner, sung by Mrs. Allen L. Hatch, Mrs. W. M. Wallace, Mr. J. D. Arrington, Rev. V. K. Arrington.
Monday: Woman's Missionary Society. 3:30 p. m.
Wednesday, 7:15 p. m. Bible Study on Prayer.
Wednesday, 8:15 p. m. Choir practice.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 16.—Coal operators and miners of the Central Competitive Field here to attempt to negotiate a new wage agreement, took a holiday today after a week of wrangling.

Mrs. Tom Bounds and two daughters, Mrs. Jace Floyd and Mrs. Dewey Miller, all of Tehuacana, were visitors to Mexia Saturday.

Judge Fountain Kirby was up from Groesbeck Saturday telling the people that he wants to be county judge for another term.

ELKS TO CONDUCT FUNERAL SERVICE FOR CHARELS MANN

Mexia B. P. O. Elks will conduct the funeral services for Charles R. Mann Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the J. I. Riddle Undertaking Parlors.

Relatives are due to arrive in time for the service, following which the body will be returned to Denver for final interment.

Frank Bolton, Exalted Ruler and Charlie Clover, Secretary, of Mexia Elks lodge urge a large attendance at the service.

"Dapper Don" Collins Arrested While Police Hunt For Girl Slayer

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The arrest in Paris of "Dapper Don" Collins may cast light on some most widely discussed crimes in recent years. Collins is supposed to have information about the mysterious slaying of Joseph Bowen Elwell four years ago. Also in connection with the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director. Police recalled his cabaret activities here in their search for the slayers of Louise Lawson. The Dot King murder also caused the police to search Collins. Police believe if extradition can be arranged a third degree may cause him to make revelations clearing up many of these crimes.

NEW OIL FIELD IS OPENED AT HUTCHINSON KANSAS

HUTCHINSON, Kans., Feb. 16.—The oil well brought in on the Welch farm fourteen miles northeast of here marking the opening of a new field, is flowing 360 barrels a day. That flow was obtained with the bit four feet in the sand and drillers have decided to leave it undisturbed, although they are confident that a heavier flow could be obtained by drilling deeper. A new well will be drilled immediately beside the one producing and experiments will be conducted in the new hole.

The well which came in Thursday night, was at first declared to be a gusher when streams of oil shot up over the derrick. However, apparently only a small pocket of gas has been struck and the well ceased to "spout" oil after a few hours.

Geologists declare they believe the largest pool in Kansas is in this section, as drainage from both Eastern and Western fields is believed to center near here.

OFFICERS RAID ON STILL SUCCESSFUL

Equipped with a search warrant, Deputites John McBay, Albert Mace and District Attorney Chester H. Machen raided a farm about 4 miles South of town, late Saturday, and captured 6 barrels of mash, 4 one hundred pound barrels of sugar and other accessories of what Judge Osborne Kennedy calls a 'first class still." He also states that one arrest was made, W. M. Strain being lodged in jail on a charge of manufacturing whiskey and also with possession.

AGED VISITOR HIT BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Doctor Bennett of Oklahoma, 84, on a visit with his son, H. D. Bennett of this city, was hit by an automobile driven by some ladies in front of the Cox-Forrest Drug Company's store on Commerce and Sherman Saturday afternoon. His injuries are understood not to be serious, which will delight the many friends of the family and a distinct relief to the unfortunate young ladies.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 16.—Charges with inciting a mutiny on the steamer City of Alton shortly after the vessel left Antwerp, Belgium, Samuel C. Taylor, former boatswain of the boat is in jail here today.

J. R. Dulaney, commissioner for precinct number 4 was a visitor to the city Saturday.

HUGH L. ADAMSON DIES EARLY SATURDAY

Hugh L. Adamson, 44, died at his home at 833 East Commerce street early Saturday morning of paralysis. Mr. Adamson had been sick for some time prior to his death and a stroke of paralysis coming shortly before was too much for his weakened constitution to bear. Death occurred about 1:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

Funeral services will be held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and burial will take place in the Mexia cemetery. Rev. G. T. Reaves, pastor of the First Christian church will officiate. Funeral arrangements are in the hands of Jno. R. Corley Undertaking Company.

Active pall bearers at the funeral will be: H. L. Spikes, Ben Smith, Ozie Lewis, A. W. Holton, W. A. Posey, Phil Karner, Hugh Freeman and Ed Mealsels. Honorary pall bearers are: E. C. Lee, P. P. Brousard, F. L. Sheeks, S. D. Jardell, D. L. Rusk, of Beaumont, Texas; J. P. Lindley, Finis Peyton, and T. B. Poindexted of Wortham; Ben Stollenwerck Dick Waggner, J. P. Dunaway, Hamp Gibson, W. B. Kendrick, John Evertz, John Vaughan, Tom Nolan, G. A. Lyell, James Stanberry, Frank Vickers, Dr. D. H. Dorsett, Ruben Storey, Rush Hickman, Claude King, T. A. Griffith, Dr. M. M. Brown, Dr. T. F. Oates, and Dr. Van Wert of Mexia.

Mr. Adamson was born in Mexia in 1880, and was the son of W. L. Adamson, one of the oldest citizens of Mexia. Practically all of his life he lived as a citizen of this city. He had been a resident of Beaumont, where he was employed by Southern Pacific Railroad for a number of years. After a stroke of paralysis about two years ago he returned to Mexia where he lived until his death.

The deceased leaves a wife and two children, Hugh and Harold Adamson, who are attending Allen Academy at Bryan. He also leaves four brothers, and a sister, Mrs. B. W. Simmons of Mexia. Of the brothers, Sam Adamson and Roger Adamson reside here, while W. H. Adamson is at Chicago University at Chicago and R. L. Adamson is in Los Angeles, California, where he is engaged in the engineering profession.

PARIS.—Mrs. Ralph Pulitzer wife of the president of the Press Publishing company which publishes the New York Morning and Evening World has filed an application for divorce here. No details are given. Pulitzer is one of the foremost newspaper publishers in the country. He married Miss Frederica Vanderbilt Webb in 1905.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Negotiations to settle the dock workers strike, effective at noon, have broken down, was announced this evening.

Friday Club Hears Federation Talk By Lady From Commerce At Meeting Eighth of February

On Friday, Feb. 8th, the Friday Club met at its usual hour with Mrs. White presiding. The program, as outlined, was dispensed with and Mrs. White in her gracious way, introduced the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Maloney of Commerce, the District president. Quite an interesting and instructive talk on the work of the Federation was made by Mrs. Maloney. She stressed, especially the efforts to bring about the World's Peace and urged all the women to vote for the same. At the close, the Club adjourned to the home of Mrs. J. Desenberg where a lovely buffet luncheon was served. The refreshments consisted of chicken salad, red apples, pickled olives, mints, nuts, stuffed dates, two kinds of sandwiches, marshmallow pudding, tea and coffee. Mesdames Sam Cox, Will Wright, Desenberg and Miss Elsie Desenberg acted as hostesses. The out of town guests were Mrs. Maloney of Commerce, Mrs. Dr. Brown of Groesbeck, Mrs. Kelley of Groesbeck and Mrs. Roy Eli of Hearne.

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A FAR REACHING ORGANIZATION

As little as may be thought about it, no greater move of more far reaching consequences for the uplift and betterment of this community has taken place in Mexia in many many months than the work that has resulted in the organization and activity of the Boy Scouts of this city and surrounding section.

Much praise is due J. P. Dunnaway, Paul Harper, George Willets, Warren Dale, Z. Rochelle, Mr. Booker and the others who are giving their time unselfishly to the work of developing young manhood here through very worthy troop organizations of Boy Scouts. They should be encouraged and all civic institutions and business concerns should give their help unstinted and their praise in most generous terms.

In the old days the strap and hickory stick were used to correct growing youth when it strayed from paths of rectitude and propriety. The world was long in finding out that the doctrine of Do is more powerful than the doctrine of Don't and that the best way to keep busy bodies out of badness is to furnish them with something that will constantly occupy their minds, hands and feet.

The faults of little children, of boys and girls, are largely the result of ignorance, accident and the forgetfulness of immature minds, on the one side, or the far off adult viewpoint on the other. Boys try to fit themselves into a man's world much harder than parents try to make a world for them.

But while thinking of the boys, don't forget the girls.

To develop the boys and forget the girls is to do less than half the job, for greater results may be achieved in the Boy Scouts organization, if the Camp Fire Girls are brought into being with the same zeal and interest. One will help the other.

Thus Mexia will grow better and better.

THE CHURCH DESERVES YOUR THANKS

"Yes, he even believes all those Bible myths," and the speaker carelessly flipped the ashes from his cigarette with an air of ultra superiority. Three men were discussing a fourth who had passed their table in a restaurant.

The three prided themselves upon having, as they would put it, graduated from their early belief in the Bible and now with their wisdom of mature years felt themselves capable of picking those parts of the Holy Writ which impressed them as worthy of belief and casting to the dogs the rest.

This habit of easy scoffing at the Bible, Christianity and the church is not harmless. Just as belief grows with practice, so the habit of scoffing feeds upon itself.

This is not the only year in which "intellectuals" have held the Bible to ridicule, yet the Bible still stands as the world's greatest book, and the Christ is looked upon by our greatest thinkers as the supreme figure of history.

Scoffers and others have a tremendous debt to the church, yet many of them will not even render thanks on the day when the nation as a result of long habit bows in humble allegiance to the Lord of the harvest.

Only those who have lived in countries where the Bible is not revered can appreciate to the full, what that book has meant to the civilization of America.

Let us stop debating and give thanks. Let the churche have the time and attention and money to which they are entitled.

The churches of Mexia invite you today.

CITIZENSHIP
Thought for the Day

By A. Garland Adair

TEN THINGS TO REMEMBERED

Among other things to be remembered by the citizenship are the following:

1. The value of Time.
2. The pleasure of working.
3. The success of perseverance.
4. The worth of character.
5. The virtue of patience.
6. The wisdom of economy.
7. The obligation of duty.
8. The power of a smile.
9. The profit of experience.
10. The joy of achievement.

PRESIDENTS AND THE LAW

In 1834, Edward C. Delavan, of Albany, New York, secured the signature of James Madison (President) to the declaration given below. He subsequently presented the same document and secured the signature of every succeeeding President thereto, down to and including Andrew Johnson, with the exception of Henry Harrison, who died before Mr. Delavan had an opportunity to present him with the paper, which follows:

"Being satisfied from observation and experience, as well as from medical testimony that ardent spirts, as a drink, are not only needless but harmful; and that the entire disuse of it would tend to promote the health, the virtue and the happiness of the community, we hereby express our conviction, that should the citizens of the United States and especially all young men, discontinue the use of it they would not only promote their own personal benefit but the good of the country and the world."

Signed by James Madison, John Q. Adams, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson.

Abraham Lincoln said: "Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap. Let it be taught in the schools, seminaries and colleges; preached from the pulpit proclaimed in legislative halls; enforced in courts of justice. In short let it become the political religion of the nation."

Theodore Roosevelt said: "Ours is a government of liberty, by, through, and under the law. No man is above it and no man is below it. This is not and never shall be a government either of plutocracy or of a mob. It is, it has been and it will be a government of the people; including alike the people of great wealth, of moderate wealth, the people who employ others, the people who are employed, the wage worker, the lawyer, the mechanic, the banker, the farmer; including them all, protecting every one if he acts decently and squarely, and discriminating against any one of them no matter from what class he comes, if he does not act squarely and fairly, if he does not obey the law."

At a mass meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., Sunday January 13, 1924, the Church of President Harding, Senator Frank B. Willis, in a stirring address, closed with the following statement:

"The President of the United States says: 'Educate the children as to the evils of liquor. Let every inhabitant make known his determination to support law and order; that duty is supreme. I propose to give that support and protection to the limit, provided by the Constitution and the law of the land against every lawless element.'"

"President Harding said: 'Whatever objection there is to the so-called invasion of personal liberty does not hold when the supremacy of law and the stability of our institutions are menaced. I do not see how any citizen who cherishes the protection of law in organized society may feel secure when he himself is the example of contempt for law. Lawless drinking is a menace to the Republic itself. There must be no issue in this land paramount to that of the enforcement of the law."

Texas And Taxes

By Chas. E. Baughman

We are told by practically every candidate for a State office that the cost of State government in Texas is entirely too great, that there is an excessive waste of the people's money and that the tax rate could be materially reduced by abolishing and consolidating certain of our State Departments.

At the same time these candidates tell us that we should have longer and better Public Free Schools, we should raise the standards for higher education, that we should improve conditions at all our eleemosynary institutions, giving the inmates thereof better buildings in which to while away their lives, that we should build more and better highways and that otherwise we should seek to progress socially and economically.

I, too, believe we should have more more and better schools. I believe we should be able to pay our teachers better salaries and that every wise inducement should be offered the children of this State to take advantage of our Public Free Schools, that we should be in a postion to offer to the young people of this State the very best there is in higher education, that we should care for the inmates of our eleemosynary institutions in the very best possible way, that we should build more and better highways, and I believe that we should undertake to progress in full keeping with the vastness of our wonderful opportunities, with our natural resources, in keeping with the desires of men, that the State may become the leading State of this Nation.

With these ideas in mind let us analyze just a little:

Texas, through her natural resources and industry in general, has an annual income around Four Billion Dollars. This is more than her tax rendered values.

For all local and State government purposes we spend, according to available statistics $19.42 per capita, $8.41, or 43.3 per cent of this being for education.

In the matter of per capita expenditures, we stand 44th and in expenditures for educational purposes we stand 36th.

Now let us reason together just a little while:

Forty-three States of the Union spend more money per capita for local and State purposes, while thirty-five states of the Union lead Texas in the expenditure of funds for educational purposes.

We wonder if there is any connection in the above statement that would indicate to the people of Texas that appropriate expenditures for local and State government is conducive to improvement in educational programs and systems.

Laws, explicit laws, are necessary to every phase of life's activity—hence the old adage "those least governed are best governed" is not applicable in this present day.

It has always been necessary that we have laws. God understood this fully when He passed to Moses the tablets of stone bearing thereon the ten commandments. Man without laws to govern him would be worse than the beasts of the field. Man, the climax of God's creation is indeed less respondent to law than the beasts of the field. If you do not believe this statement, study carefully the traits of the beasts, the lower animals, study the workings of nature and to your surprise you will find that I am correct. Therefore, it is not that we have the laws that people show disrespect for the rights of others, but the trouble lies in the failure to apply the provisions of the several laws as they should be.

This leads up to the statement that I desire to thoroughly impress upon the minds of the reader.

Our total rendition values, for State purposes, is little more than three billion dollars, considerably less than the total income of the State.

The truth of the business is, our visable values in this State that should be subject to taxation will exceed ten billion dollars and one real serious thought on the part of the reader, the part of the voter, the part of the candidate for office, should reveal to him the fact that if we continue to use our present taxing system, that is to apply it as it is applied, there is no living man, rich or poor, high or low, educated or uneducated, who can evolve any system or plan through which we can reduce the tax rate and if a man is sufficiently qualified to hold the office which he aspires, he knows that this statement is entirely correct, and his statements to the contrary should serve to disqualify him in the minds of the people of this State from holding office. Any right-minded man, however, with the right Legislature, can shift our tax budrens.

They tell you they would abolish certain phases of State activity.

We have ten departments, almost wholly dependent upon the State's available revenues for their maintenance, viz, the Board of Control, the Board of Water Engineers, the State Mining Board, the Reclamation Department, the Industrial Accident Board, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Department of Agriculture, the Markets and Warehouse Department, the Live Stock Sanitary Commission and the State Board of Health. All of these are creatures of the Legislature and are subject to abolishment in their entirety, provided it was so decided. The total appropriations for these ten departments for fiscal year ending August 31st, 1924 is approximately $900,000, while the total appropriations for the entire twenty-six State Departments is around three million dollars for same year.

The remainder of the twenty-six State departments, those not listed in the ten as above pointed out, are either creatures of the Constitution or are selfsustaining through a tax upon the special interests that the department serves to regulate.

In the matter of abolishment then, we will say that the Legislature abolishes the ten departments above, that not one dime of this $900,000 is appropriated for other purposes. What would be the saving? $900,000, of course, but what about reducing the tax rate just exactly 2.1 percent, or we could deduct from this 75 cent rate exactly 1.6 cents, making the actual rate 73.4 cents.

Do you want to get at the bottom of this affair? Do you want to know the truth? And when you are satisfied about the truth, will you profit thereby?

I will tell you where the whole trouble lies.

It is in the hidden values of this State. Twice as many values are escaping the tax assessors' lists as get on it.

The present way of accepting the first day of January as the basis of rendition of values is the most serious matter with which we must deal and unqustionably our greatest stumbling block.

Our Constitution is plain on the question of taxation. No man who is qualified to serve the people as their representative in the Legislature could fail to understand its provisions, no man who is qualified to serve the people as their Governor could fail to comprehend the full meaning of it.

Were I a candidate for Governor of this State, I would go before the people on a platform based entirely upon common sense, reason and honesty of purpose and I would tell them frankly, plainly, truthfully, that unless we change our levying system for taxation, unless we get the hidden values, we would never be able to reduce the tax rate to the extent that it would be noted by those who now bear the burdens of taxation.

I would tell them that there are more than six billion dollars of values that are now escaping the rendition lists, that Texas, although spending some money unwisely, wasting perhaps some, is not as expensive in her government as the politicians would have you believe.

I would tell them that without a change in levying taxes, in assessing values for taxation, we could not have longer and better schools, that we could not improve conditions at the eleemosynary institutions, that we could not raise the standards for higher education and that to abolish even the ten departments as pointed out before, would not make an appreciable reduction in the tax rate possible.

I would tell them to elect a legislature that would help me to get the hidden values, to help me to levy taxes in full accord with the constitution, to make taxes uniform, and that we would reduce the tax rate in this State to FIFTY CENTS on the ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS VALUATION, inclusive of the present contsitutional levy of forty cents. This reduction can be made, should be made, and would be made if our people would go at it in the right way.

I would, as a result of this, provide for better and longer schools. I would improve conditions at eleemosynary institutions, I would raise standards for higher education, I would make our Judiciary assume the top-most place in American jurisprudence, our several State Departments would operate to protect the people against the greed and graft of the special interests and would be administrted in an economical way. I would tell them I would care for agriculture in its every phase; I would tell them frankly that the creation of large departments through a consolidation of many departments leads to reduced efficiency, that it is conducive to corruption, that it makes possible the building up of political machines through which men perpetuate themselves in office. I would tell them that the creation of large departments, administered by a one-man power, instead of a co-operative or plural power, tends toward increased appropriations in the end.

I happen not to have the necessary money with which to make such a campaign. I have been tendered the full legal amount, to be raised through subscriptions from the people of the State in an open and above-board way, but I can't see my way clear to do that, but some day I may decide to make the race for Governor, and should I do so, I will come clean with the people and tell them facts, such facts as can be proven by figures.

Platform declarations are but the personal opinions of candidates. Too often these are copyright, shop worn, thread bare and serve no purpose other than to becloud the real issues.

The issue in this campaign is, or should be to say the least of it, a reduction in the tax rate and the only way to get this reduction is to bring from their hiding places the more than six billion dollars of values that are now escaping the rendition lists. This, coupled with a full and complete enforcement of all our laws, through a constructive program, building for the future, as well as the present, is all that any well meaning people could ask for.

If you think I am right, then demand of your candidates for the Legislature, your candidates for Governor, that they will do their dead-level best to make taxes in this State equal and uniform and that they will protect the people in their just and legal rights.

I want to warn the fathers and mothers of Texas school children, that if the tax rate be reduced and we fail to go after the hiden values, that now escape, the schools will suffer an irreparable damage. Taking the full twelve months of the year as a basis for rendition, the enactment of an income tax measure, a severance tax in keeping with the Constitution, will produce sixty million dollars through a fifty cent advalorem rate.

Let's demand that these hidden values be taxed, then reduce the rate and lift a part of the burdens from those who now bear the greater portion of it.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday

Woman's Home Missionary Society mets at Baptist Church 3:30 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Society at Central Presbyterian Church at 3:30 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Society at First Methodist Church at 3:30 p. m.

Tuesday

American Legion meets at Legion Hall at 7:00 p. m.

Bridge Club meets.

Wednesday

Delphian Chapter meets.

Prayer meeting at all local churches.

Thursday

High School Parent Teacher Association meets.

Civic Club meets.

Rotary luncheon at Majestic Cafe. 12:15 p. m.

7A Literary Club meets at McKinney Street Grammar School 3 p. m.

Friday

Friday Club meets.

Lions Club luncheon at Majestic Cafe at 12:30 p. m.

All Scout Troops meet. Troops one and four at Baptist church, troop 2 at Methodist church, troop 3 at First Christian. All meet at 7 p. m.

George Washington dance at Elks Club Friday evening.

Saturday

Junior Dramatic Club meets Saturday morning.

THE EDITORIAL OF THE DAY

MAD DOGS FAVOR THE POOR.

(San Antonio Express)

Out of 595 patients treated for rabies, or its expected symptoms, at the State Pasteur Institute in Austin during 1923, only four of them failed to make the sworn statement that they were unable to pay the $25 fee exacted of those who have the "dough." Two of the four were Mexicans from Tampico.

Medical officers in charge of the institute, and they are warranted by the facts, glean from this showing the belief that dogs never bite anybody save the poor. Cats bit 26 persons; cows chewed into 11; 510 by dogs; 6 by horses; 1 by a mule; 3 by rats; 35 by skunks; 1 by a wolf and 3 were disfigured on some portion of their anatomies by men. One of the patients received 21 bites and 370 got more than one bite.

These statistics present an interesting study from many angles. It is perfectly apparent either that only the needy are bitten or that 594 people journeyed to Austin and there committed perjury. It is soothing to believe that they told the truth. Of course, comparatively few opulent persons frequent spots where cows, mules and skunks disport themselves and there may be something to the tradition that poverty serves to increase the liking for the companionship of dogs. Aside from all this however, the Pasteur institute has done a wonderful public service and in 1923 it did it for an outlay of only $1792. If other institutions could present a record like that, or even approaching it comparably, the red marks on the ledgers of the treasury would not be so distinct.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible School at 9:45. A class and a place for every age. Visitors invited to meet with us.

Worship and preaching at 11:00. Subject of the sermon: "God's Garden of Life." This is a special sermon in keeping with the day (Child Welfare Day.) I am depending on the parents to make a special effort to see that their children hear this sermon, and I am also depending on the children to see that their parents are present. At the evening hour the Christian Endeavor will give a special program entitled, "The Keepers of the Light." There will not be any preaching services in the evening as this play will be given at the regular service hour, 7:30.

G. T. REAVES, Minister.

A HOUSE IS NOT A HOME

A Home needs Religion and Religion needs a Church.

If you live here, why not have a CHURCH HOME?

This Church offers its fellowship to you.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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E. H. Hudson, Pastor

11:00 A. M.
"AN OLD FASHIONED HOME"

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"A LOST BIBLE"

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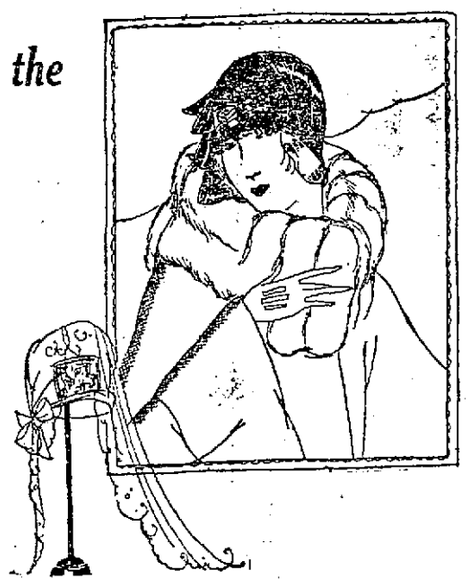

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N THE WAY DOWN TOWN

By SLYBOOTS

e writing the article in Fri-'s paper I have been very cautious ut putting in a prominent appear-e on the streets for fear that some the gentlemen mentioned in that cle might be correct in their picions concerning my identity and appropriate actions enable Osborne nnedy to hang a revengeful thorn my flesh in the shape of a fine. ecially have I trod the precincts the News Publishing Company with r and trembling.

came down town this morning, wever, in very good spirits. Having sine with Judge Gresham I found t he was engaged in the Justice urt and went over there. On ar-ing I discovered that the room was owded with people, and what seem-to be a very important case was in ogress. At the door stood a lady d a man evidently her husband. I k a stand to one side waiting to tch the eye of Judge Gresham and ile waiting thus I overheard the dy say to her companion in a rather bdued voice:

"What an awful looking old villain e prisoner is."

"Sh-h-h!" said her husband. "That nt the prisoner, that's Aaron Ren-olds. He's a lawyer in the case."

A moment later I managed to con-ude my business with Mr. Gresham nd went down on the streets for esh air.

Owen Watkins, Ernest Watson and ed Forrest were standing in a group ear the front of Diamond Jewelry ompany engaged in conversation as came down and as I have a good bit f curiosity in my nature I paused om a distance away.

The subject under discussion seem-d to be aeroplanes. It developed that one of them had ever taken a ride n the newfangled machines and fur-hermore that none of them wanted o. After some talk on the subject udge Watkins ventured that the Almighty hadn't intended for human eings to fly. The mayor demanded his reasons for such a statement and Judge Watkins replied with legal cumen that if the Creator had in-ended such a thing he would have nade the whole race grow feathers. Since he had never seen any feather-egged humans he had good reasons for making his statement.

This subject being too deep for me I wandered down in the direction of the Jackson Brothers Motor Com-any. I found Mr. Lindsey busily en-gaged with a lady to whom he was trying to sell a car. It appeared that he had been trying for two hours or longer to make the sale but the cus-tomer could not remember the make of the car she wanted.

"I can't remember the name of the car," said the customer in a grieved tone. "I-I think the care starts with a 'T.'"

"Madam," said Mr. Lindsey, some-what exasperated, "all our cars start with gasoline."

I don't know whether he made a sale or not. I took occasion to find business elsewhere and walked rapid-ly down to the H. and T. C. station to amuse myself with watching the sights there. Quite a number of cus-tomers were at the ticket window, engaged in giving Mr. Cone as much misery as was possible. Among them a rather elderly lady was endeavor-ing with his assistance to map out a route which she expected to travel.

"Where does this next train go?" she asked.

"It goes to Dallas and points north," replied Mr. Cone courteously.

"Well, I want a train that goes to Fort Worth and I don't care which way it points," replied the aged lady testily.

Mr. Cone disappeared suddenly and I am not sure that he discovered abruptly that he had rheumatism. I didn't wait to see, however.

Over at the News office when I arrived, C. L. Tatum, adverstising manager, was wrestling with rhymes and meters. At length, a short while after my arrival, he seemed satisfied and passed me the following doggerel with a sigh of relief.

"Read that," he invited with a grin. It was a guilty sort of grin at the best.

I took the paper and read this:

Hiawatha Among the Ads

By the shores of Caroco.
By the sparkling Pluto Water,
Lived the Prophylactic Chiclet,
Dandcrine, fair Buick's daughter.
She was loved by Instant Postum,
Son of Sunkist and Victrola,
Heir apparent of the Mazada
Of the tribe of CocoCola—
Thru the Taulac strolled the lovers,
Thru the Shredded Wheat they wandered.
"Lovely little Wrigley Chicklet,"
Were the words of Instant Postum
"No Pyrene can quench the fire
No Aspirin still the heartache,
Only Prestolite desire,
Let us marry—Little Djer Kiss!"

RESTORE THE HOME

In observance of Child's Welfare Day Rev. E. H. Hudson will speak today at the First Presbyterian Church on Bonham and Milam Sts. on the Old Fashioned Home.

The Lost Bible will be the subject of the evening sermon at 7:30.

G. E. Mitchell will teach the Men's Bible Class at 10 o'clock.

You will not be a visitor but a welcome guest at our services.

D. Daugherty of Waco was in Mexia Friday.

Letters from People

INFORMATION DESIRED

Editor, Evening News:

Naturally all property owners are interested in the Charter election.

That all may thoroughly understand the ordinance passed calling for an election on March 18th to elect fifteen men to frame a new charter will you not thru your columns answer the following questions.

Question 1. Section 2 of the ordinance reads: That at said election also, there shall be elected from among the qualified voters of said city at large 15 Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to frame, report and submit such Charter.

Will this newly framed charter be submitted to a vote of the people, or simply turned over to the city officials for adoption?

Question 2. If fifteen men are to be elected to frame a charter, why was a charter farmed last month in the office of the Chamber of Commerce which was with few exceptions a repetition of the charter turned down by the people at the last election?

The ordinance also reads: and whereas, it will be to the best interest and general welfare of said city to adopt a Charter, and thereby confer upon said city the full powers of local self government.

It seems what we need most now is not greater power in the hands of city officials, but more protection for the people, harmony among our city officials, and greater cooperation between them and the citizenship.

"A divided house cannot stand."

MRS. T. A. KINDRED.

Big Percentage Of School Tax Is Already Paid

Joe Arrington, collector of school taxes for Mexia, reports $118,201.18 paid in, out of approximately $130,000 due. Of this amount $71,558 is now available for the maintenance of the schools. The remainder goes on the school bonds of the city. Mr. Arrington stated that suits would be filed immediately against delinquents.

DANIEL BOONE VISITS IN MEXIA PAST WEEK

"Daniel" Boone, of Dallas formerly General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Texas, was in Mexia Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mr. Boone is now connected with the Commonwealth Building and Loan Association of Dallas and it was in the interest of his company that he visited Mexia last week.

DALLAS.—The old idea that craps is a negro's game is not borne out by records at police departments headquarters here. In the last 10 days more whites have been arrested for goading on the galloping dominos, than negroes, the records show.

A. Gaggner of Corsicana was in Mexia Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith and son, E. L. Jr., are in San Antonio since Thursday. Mrs. Smith and E. L. Jr. will spend several weeks there, while Mr. Smith is expected home the first of the week.

Too Late to Classify

HOTEL COLWELL—411 Commerce street. Rooms for rent by day or week, beds 50c and 75c each. Mrs. Lizzie Currie, proprietress. 17L4

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FOR RENT—Large front furnished room in private home, with garage, on paved street. Apply at 600 East Sumpter. 17L4

FOR RENT—Five room house with bath, lights and garage, on North Canton street. Price $25 per month. Apply at 600 East Sumpter. 17K4

FOR RENT—Small furnished hou— on North Red River. Price $15 per month. Apply at 600 East Sumpter. 17K4

FOR SALE—Corner lot 25x25 feet. On paved street. 114 Palestine St. 17J1

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Pure bred Jersey bull for service. Fee $2.00, at Conyers Barn, Mexia, Texas. 17-7

FOR TARDE—Five passenger Studebaker special six. New Cord tires. Good paint and mechanical condition. To trade for new model four door Ford sedan. Call or see J. F. Lumus at Humphreys Garage. 17N3

Makse Fat People Slim

New York Physician Perfects Harmless Method of Reducing Weight

The loss of as much as a pound of excess fat a day with no harmful results is the record made by many patients of Dr. R. Newman, a licensed practicing physician of 286 Fifth Avenue, New York, who announces that he has perfected a treatment which has quickly rid fat people of excess weight. What is more remarkable is the Doctor's statement that he has successfully treated thousands of patients for fat reduction without change of diet or unnecessary exercise. It is also said that fat people who suffer from chronic rheumatism, gout, asthma, and high blood pressure obtain great relief from the reduction of their superfluous flesh. Realizing that this sounds almost too good to be true, the doctor has offered to send without charge to anyone who will write him, a free trial treatment to prove his claims, as well as his "Pay-when-reduced" plan. If you want to rid yourself of superfluous fat, write him today, addressing Dr. R. Newman, 286 Fifth Avenue, New York City, Dept. R607. —(Adv.)

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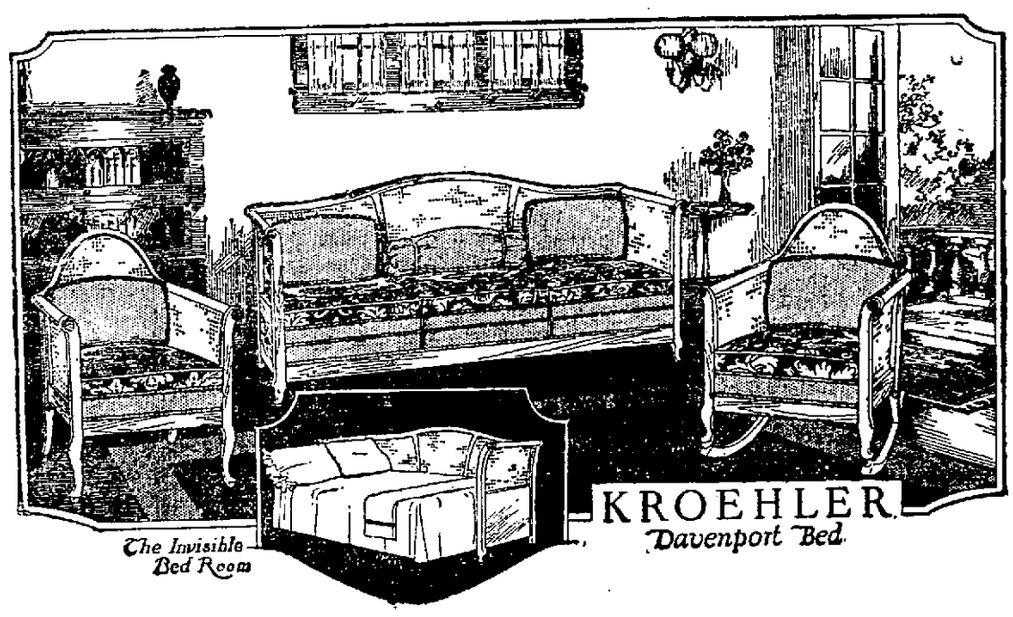
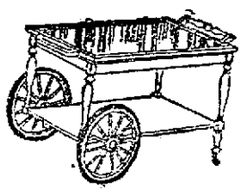
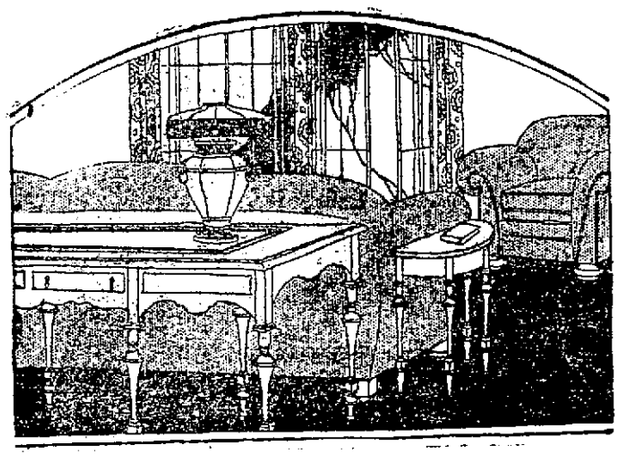


We are justly proud of the compliments we have received on our new furnishings the past week.

Each of the many friends who accepted the invitation to visit our store have expressed their admiration of the perfect workmanship, the fine materials, the beauty and usefulness of each piece in display.

New peieces and suites are arriving daily. You can not fail to find just what you are looking for—that living room suite; bed room suite; breakfast room set; and the delightful odd pieces. Will you not also accept our invitation? We shall be happy to show you what is new in furniture, at prices that are sure to please.





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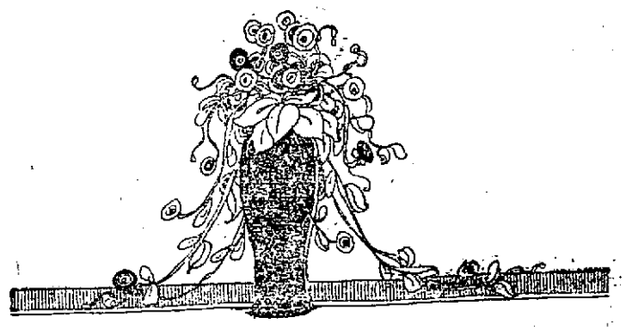


AN OASIS OF GREEN IN CANADA'S WINTER

CHRISTMAS SWIM IN PACIFIC SURF
WINTER PUTTING GREEN OF SHAUGHNESSY HEIGHTS GOLF COURSE, VANCOUVER
WHO SAYS, "WINTER IS COLD"? NOT THESE VANCOUVER SWIMMERS

Why go south for the leafy winter? Asks the wise Canadian who knows what delightful winters are meted out to the British Columbian coast and its two fine cities, Vancouver and Victoria. Cities that grow more popular with tourists each year. Canadians and winter visitors to Vancouver need not sigh for southern seas, for surf bathing is a mid-winter sport on the Pacific coast. The Christmas-day dip and swim is a feature of that holiday. The picture shown above, was taken at Vancouver on Christmas Day, 1923, and depicts about twenty members of the Vancouver Amateur Swimming Club who enjoyed a frolic in water more invigorating than cold.

This metropolis on the Pacific coast of Canada has not advertised its winter swimming attraction, but its many beaches make it an ideal summer resort and its temperate climate makes it a favorite with tourists twelve months in the year. Golf is played the year round on the three fine courses of Jericho Country Club, Shaughnessy Heights Golf Club and Vancouver Golf and Country Club, while Victoria, just across the Gulf, affords further opportunities for knocking the little white balls around at Colwood Golf and Country Club, Uplands Country Club and Victoria Golf Club.

Motoring is also a pleasant winter recreation in and around these cities. Miles and miles of superb motorways, long stretches of them running along the lovely seashore, radiate in many directions. Roadside camping sites equipped with brick stoves add an attractive feature to motoring on the Pacific coast.

Roses at Christmas-time and colorful gardens of hardy flowers make one forget that it is January, while the social life to be enjoyed at Hotel Vancouver and the Empress Hotel, leave nothing to be desired in the matter of cuisine, comfort and luxury.

Beauty Congress Meeting In France Sounds Death Knell of Bobbed Hair

PARIS — Bobbed hair, like hooped skirts, is passé. For months the style has been dying a painless death. Now it is officially laid to rest by the International Hairdressers' Congress, the recognized style group. In tolling its death knell, coiffure experts declare "all Europe has quit bobbing and the mademoiselles with short locks are wearing transformations." Reports from American beauty experts also show bobbing is on the wane and "in six months will be atrociously unpopular, if not in utter bad taste."

Accordingly, three new modes of hairdress that permit the wearing of false hair will prevail among women of taste in 1924. They are the Empress Josephine, with hair drawn back and a cord or band around the temples; Louis Philippe, with chignon curls clustered around neck and ears, and Empress Eugenie, with two bands across the forehead and curl falling over each ear. Transformations, deftly worn, will be covered with reliable invisible human hair nets now used for all evening and dress wear. Greater demand for hair nets, it is declared, was one of the first signals of the passing of bobs, over sixty million Gainsboroughs being sold in 1923.

"Bobs are gone, but after all, who cares?" sighed the chairman in adjourning the congress.

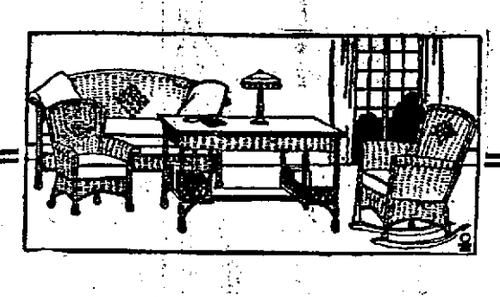
"Personne!" chorused the delegates. Which means Nobody.

Smiles, Not Gas Used By Dentist

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Feb. 16.—The old bogy of the dentist chair has lost its potency at least for San Antonio's male patients.

The dental field like everyth else has offered its attractions women and she has taken it up h Now a dimpled smile is a substit for gas.

Dr. Sectylia Sonet is the femin practictioner. Though her orig intention was to work on children she has decided to maintain gene practice.



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Here You Will Find—

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—New Over-stuffed Living Room Suites
—New Bedroom Suites
—New Dining Room Suites
—New Odd Pieces for the Entire Home

—Spend a few hours when you are down town looking trough our vast assemblage of furniture.

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MARLIN CAGERS TAKE TWO FROM THE BLACK CATS

The Mexia Hi Black Cats suffered two defeats at the hands of the Marlin Hi Cagers Friday afternoon and night on the outdoor court at Marlin. The score of the afternoon game was 20 to 0. The Cats could never get used to the outdoors court and were continually sliding around over the gravel while their opponents who have played on the court all season almost lopped baskets at will. Captain Lucas was the only one of the feline tribe that was successful in ringing baskets and he made the only four counters for the Cats.

The night game was not a replica of that one played in the afternoon for the Cats had become somewhat accustomed with the gravel court and they made the Marlin quintet get up and hustle for the bacon. The score for the game was 17 to 12. At the end of the first half the count stood 12 to 1 in favor of the Marlin aggregation but the last half brought a sudden flash from the Mexia cagers and they made 8 points and gave the Marlin five a little scare. If this flash had occurred at the beginning of the second quarter the Cats might have brought home the bacon but they were somewhat late in starting the drive.

Coach Pucett states that he has better hopes and is confident that if the Cats play the same brand of ball during the coming two games with the Marlin five here, that they did during the last half of the night game, that they will bring home the bacon, rine, fat and all.

The Marlin aggregation repays the visit paid them by the Cats this past week by playing here Friday afternoon and night, Feb. 22 at the High School Gym court. There will be two games, one in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and one that night at 8:30 o'clock.

O. K. Well at Teague Is Setting Casing

The O. K. well 6 miles southeast of Teague has completed the setting of casing Thursday night to a depth of 3001 feet above a rich oil bearing sand encountered. The drilling in process will begin Monday. The showing encountered has been very favorable and much activity in lease trading has been noted. This well is in charge of experienced drillers and it is said that this well shows strong promise of production. This well was begun in November, 1920, and due to financial difficulties drilling progressed slowly. However, ample finances are reported behind the company and an early completion is looked for at around the present depth. This well is two miles east of the three test holes drilled by the Amerada 5 miles south of Teague during 1920.

The Elks Band Improving Fast

The Mexia Elks band is carrying out an extensive rehearsal program now and Band Leader Werner says that he expects to have the organization perfected within a very short while. At present there are only three vacancies in the band and as soon as these places are filled no more applications will be considered. It is understood that this is an exceptional opportunity for any musician with a fair amount of ability, as the Mexia lodge has an attractive proposition to offer.

Much interest is being manifested by the members of the band and attendance is good. Three of the members of this band drive over from Wortham to attend these rehearsals as well as one member from Coolidge. Exalted Ruler Bolton inspected the band last rehearsal night and after offering congratulations to director Frank Werner, he made a short but impressive talk to the band members, urging their support and stressing the importance of a good band.

NEW YORK—Ganna Walska, opera singer and wife of Harold F. McCormick, is going to try again. The singer, whose voice has been criticized by critics, is going back to that "warm-hearted Paris" because she found the United States cold to her genius. She will sail Saturday. Mme. Walska has a new plaything in the French capital—the theatre Des Champs Elysees which her husband bought for her so she may give a Mozart festival in which she will appear in June.

Let 'Em Try To Beat This Record

PARIS, Texas, Feb. 16.—In this specialized age there are champions of almost everything. And through no fault of his own W. S. Jettfils became champion all his own here recently.

Seized with an attack of the hiccoughs, Pettfils coughed for eight consecutive days without a hich, which is believed to have hung up a record in this unique class.

RADO STEELE PRAISES MEXIA DAILY NEWS

Mr. Rado Steele of Forest Glade paid the News a pleasant visit Saturday morning and renewed his subscription for the coming year. Mr. Steele has been a reader of this paper since 1899. He has watched this paper grow from a small four column paper to a large metropolitan paper, and stated that he wanted to see the paper grow larger and better in the future as it has in the past.

Corsicana Y.M.C.A. Defeats W. C. 16-10

In a fast, spirited game at the Y. M. C. A. Gym at Corsicana, Friday night the Westminster College quintet was defeated by the Corsicana professional cagers, the score standing 16 to 10. During the first half of the game the collegians led the scoring with 8 points to the professionals 6, but in the second half the Corsicana team came back with a brilliant series of plays that gave them a lead that the Westminster team was unable to overcome.

In a game the same evening between the Westminster Girls basketball team and the Corsicana girls the College team defeated the Corsicana team by a score of 13 to 10.

THE WEATHER

East Texas.—Sunday partly cloudy, rain in extreme east and colder.

West Texas.—Sunday probably colder and fair.

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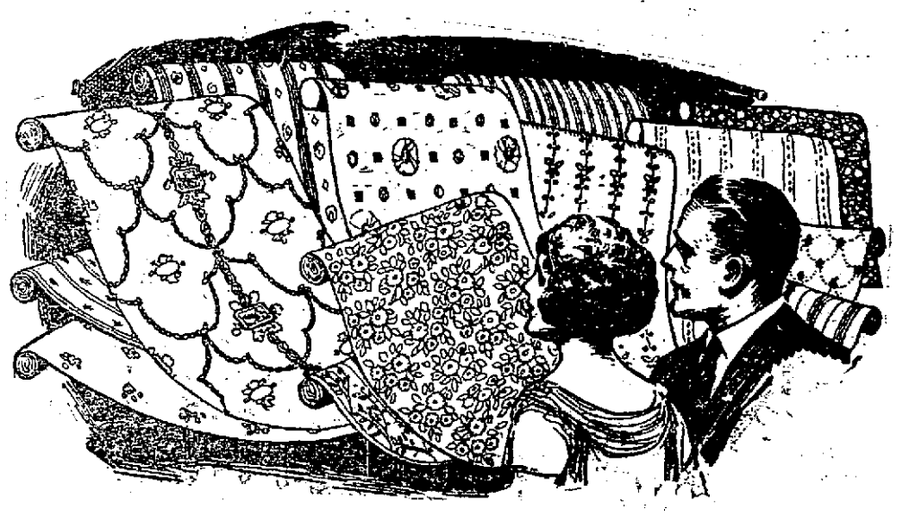

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HOME DRESSMAKING

By JEANNE ROLAND
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Step-in Combination With Camisole Top

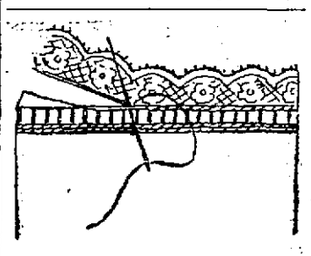
A Simple and Dainty Undergarment

The springtime fashions in lingerie are more beautiful than ever, and yet at the same time, faithful to simplicity of line and development. The latest craze is for radium silk, although the crepes and tub satins hold well.

This combination may be made with a camisole top or with a round neck. In the latter case, the edges are scalloped, then buttonholed. For the camisole top, the step-in is cut off at a straight line above the bust line. There are almost as many ways of trimming the garment as there are home dressmakers to reproduce it, but it would be difficult to find anything prettier than the edgings of filat lace and medallions of the same trimming used in the model illustrated. The lace edging is set onto veining which most dainty women use in some way or other in the making of lingerie.

The veining comes with a narrow margin of lawn on either side. One side of the veining is joined to the garment and the other to the lace. The roll seam is best for the purpose. First trim both the edges of the veining and the crepe. It will not be necessary to trim the lace as it has a selvage already. Hold the edges together, then roll together the top thread of both edges two or three times. Begin from the back of the work and whip the roll very closely together, being careful that the stitches come entirely under the roll and not through it. Draw the thread tightly and the result will be a seam with a roll.

The medallions may be set into the material in the same way. The seams of the combination are all French. The shoulder straps are made of ribbon, which may be in two tones, if desired. Another lovely way to finish the edges of this combination is with embroidery that has a dainty scallop imitating French handwork.



Sewing lace to entre deux or veining.

Local News

J. A. Heathe was here Friday from Cisco.

H. Holsler was here Saturday from Corsicana.

F. A. Denison of Waco was in Mexia Friday.

Mrs. George Peyton spent Monday in Dallas.

H. G. Jones of Bryan was in the city Friday.

V. H. Bush was here Thursday from Ennis.

W. A. Mullen was here Thursday from Waco.

A. O. Stubbs was here Thursday from Austin.

J. V. Haney of Waco was in the city Thursday.

L. K. Sides has returned to his home in Ennis.

Mrs. John Scott was in Houston the week just passed.

G. T. Bowman of Ranger was in the city Wednesday.

J. A. Bowen of Waco was a Thursday visitor to the city.

Hy Martin of Waxahachie was a visitor to Mexia Friday.

Miss Laura Griffiths is recovering from an attack of measles.

Mrs. W. W. Chamberlain is in South Texas this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hamby of Dallas were in the city Friday.

Mrs. Mack Bridges visited in Kansas City the past two weeks.

Miss Sadie Kirgan is spending the week-end with home folks at Fairfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Stollenwerck are spending Sunday in Terrell.

Ollie Jones is now on the local police force, and has the day shift.

Judge A. M. Blackmon of Groesbeck was in the city Saturday.

Miss Mable Bunch was a Waco visitor the early part of the week.

Miss Julia Montgomery of Tulsa is spending the week with her parents.

Mrs. E. H. Sill of Coolidge is reported improving after serious illness

Mesdames W. Crawford and W. L. Edmond were Temple visitors Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Jeffers are "at home" since Wednesday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Spade are visiting friends in Wichita Falls this week end.

Mrs. A. F. Grover, of Fort Smith, Ark., is the guest of Mrs. Margaret Dale.

Lee Kirgan, editor of the Fairfield Recorder was a Mexia visitor Friday.

Mrs. L. Stone of Sherman is at the bedside of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Richey.

Miss Corrine Watson is spending the week-end with home folks at Fairfield.

Mrs. E. F. Ware of Dallas is spending the week end with her sister, Mrs. Joe Ware.

Ed Measles and Ben Stollennewrk were Rotary visitors in Corsicana Wednesday.

Warren J. Dale left Friday noon on a business trip to St. Paul, Minn., and other northern points.

Mrs. Roy Bryan of Fort Worth visited the past week in the home of Mrs. W. A. Flipse.

Mrs. J. D. Arrington of this city visited her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Jones in Groesbeck the past week.

Many valentine events featured the the week, with parties given by various clubs and in the home of many citizens.

W. H. Smith was a Corsicana visitor Wednesday. He and his family plan to spend quite a period soon on the Pacific coast with relatives.

Judge D. Leon Harp of San Antonio has been on a visit with relatives here for a few days the past week.

Miss Anne Earle, Miss Louise Cline, and O. P. Arrington attended the Passion Play in Waco. Friday night.

Judge and Mrs. W. M. White returned Thursday from Austin and San Antonio where they spent several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stevens and daughter, Elizabeth left Saturday morning for San Antonio to spend several months.

Many shacks are now disappearing, says Dr. Hodges, and greater results may follow a clean up endeavor now than ever before.

N. H. Pierce, formerly of this city, now a traveling calendar salesman, was a Mexia visitor Thursday. He reports business in Texas more flourishing than ever.

American Legion dues for 1924 are coming in, according to Post Adjutant Dale, and a rousing meeting for next Tuesday night is assused.

Cracked ice can be chopped small enough to put in thermos bottles and prove a great comfort to the feverish invalid on a restless night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozie Lewis are moving back to their home in the reunion grounds. They spent the winter at their place on Ross Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Welch were Marlin visitors the early part of the week, spending a period with R. W. Bozeman who is in the Majestic hotel for a few weeks.

Charles A. Keifer 34, of Dallas, who has been making Mexia for several years for a St. Louis Company and who has many friends here died Monday at his home in Oak Cliff. He was sick only a short while and his death will be greatly deplored by friends all through his territory.

The interest at the Christian church in the Sunday School is constantly increasing, evidenced in its growing attendance record and in the regular Sunday School collections. Last week the First Christian Church led all other Sunday Schools of Mexia in collections, with more than $15.00 contributed.

HAPPENINGS ABOUT SCHOOL

Mrs. Cora Ferguson, county superintendent, was a pleasant visitor to the High School Friday in company with Mr. David Murphy of the local School Board.

Mrs. Paul Hill who has been office secretary for the last five months has resigned. The position is being held temporarily by Miss Hilda Clark until a permanent stenographer can be obtained.

The D. E. girls superintended by Miss Parker and Mrs. Armstrong served the Shriners banquet in the cafeteria last week. The affair was a credit to the instructors and to their pupils.

The Valentine number of "The Black Cat" was issued on February 14. The magazine is very attractive in every detail.

The boys basketball team accompanied by the coach, Mr. Poteet went to Marlin Friday where they played two games.

A very attractive magazine rack has been completed and presented to the Public Library by the Manual Training Class.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Sunday School at 9:45 is well worth your consideration. Join the people who are posting themselves on the Bible.

John 12:12-19 will be the scripture for Wednesday evening 7:30.

The W. M. Society meets Monday and the Intermediated League Sunday afternoon.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

WORTHAM

The members of the Pleasure-Profit club were entertained on last Friday afternoon by Mrs. Henry Meador. Forecasting street. Valentine Day novel decorations and appointments were used. Red hearts and cupids and vases of red carnations and red roses were used for the decorative scheme and the Valentine motif was carried out in the talley cars and the heart shaped table markers. Refreshments consisting of salad and wafers, delicious fruit cake and hot chocolate were served.

On Thursday night, January 31, Mrs. C. C. Hanckney's class of men of the Methodist Protestant church entertained their wives and members of Mrs. Clyde Ross' class at the Maccabee hall with an oyster supper. After the supper an interesting talk was given by Rev. W. M. Milburne of Tehuacana.

The fascinating stereoptican lecture "From Pyramids to Golgota," the latest with which Coleman Craig, well known Texas editor and correspondent is charming big audiences daily, is to be given here Saturday evening at 7:45 at the High School Auditorium under auspices of the Baptist Woman's Auxiliary.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY TO PRESENT PAGEANT SUNDAY

The members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Christian church will present a missionary pageant, "Keepers of the Light," at the regular preaching hour, Sunday evening. Twelve characters will take part. Special music is being arranged by the choir for this service.

We are anticipating a profitable and enjoyable evening, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

W. L. Landrum, President.

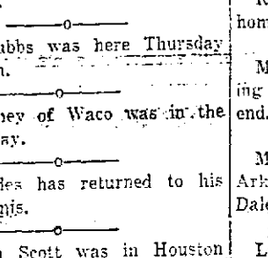
FASTER MAIL SERVICE

ANCON, C. Z.—The new mail service from the Canal Zone via Havana and Key West has had an auspicious start. The mail is carried north from Key West on the through train leaving Key West daily at 7:30 p. m. In general, two days will be saved on mail for Washington and New York.

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in social session at the home of Mrs. George Peyton, East Rusk street. Mesdames Robert Lewis and Ben Howard assistant and hostesses. Mrs. Allen Etchison will have charge of the program which will be a study of our work in Mexico.

DALLAS.—Expansion of the poultry business in Texas has been curtailed because of excessive freight rates on live poultry shipments from Texas to eastern points, according to evidence introduced at the interstate commission hearing here. Live poultry shipments would increase from 1000 cars annually to more than 4000 if the rates are reduced one cent or more per pound, it was claimed by representatives of the poultry producers.

GARDEN TOOLS



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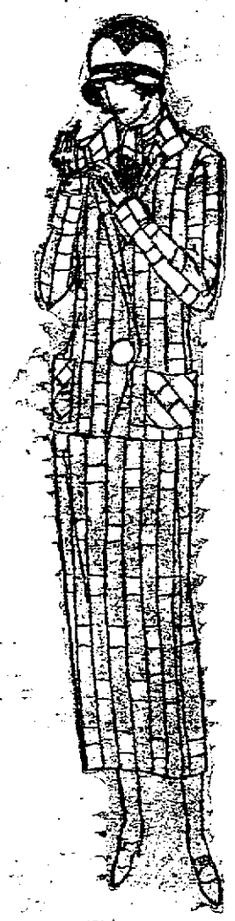

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Ribbon Trimmed
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Our store is teeming over with the many accessories that go to make up your spring wardrobe. You can spend several hours of pleasant shopping in our store. We shall be very glad to assist you in any way with your shopping problems.

Miss Christine Kendrick Is Honored

As a rule Dan Cupid delights to ply his thieving trade in secret, but there is one season of the year when he can come boldly forth and wage a militant warfare in the open. 'Tis in the Valentine season that the little god marshals his forces for a mighty onslaught. 'Tis then his arrows fall thickest and fastest, 'tis then that he comes off a glorious victor and throwing aside the veil of secrecy which has hitherto characterized his mighty deeds, fearlessly proclaims his converts to the world at large.

At the home of Mrs. Gene Sinclair on February 14th, under the espionage of Mesdames Sinclair and Petty, Dan Cupid held high revel and there despite the fact that the hostesses tried by every device pertaining to the decorative arts peculiar to the day dedicated to St. Valentine, to divert his mind from his traffic in human hearts, it was of no avail. Cupid refused to be turned aside for even one hour from his business in hand but proceeded to announce to the many friends assembled there that among his recent victims most fatally pierced, the maiden who had most completely and abjectly surrendered to his wily charms was one whom Mexia claims as one of her fairest daughters, Miss Christine Kendrick, whose marriage to Mr. Val Horn of this city, is to be consummated some time in March.

It was evidenced that the hostess had worked hand in hand with Cupid to provide a suitable setting for his victorious proclamation. The magical touch of fingers skilled in the art of decoration, had created a veritable Love Kingdom, and all who entered felt that they had been inoculated with the love philter and for the time being were made subjects of Dan Cupid himself. A multiplicity of love symbols greeted the eye at every turn.

A few games of 42 were enjoyed after which a delicious refreshment of ice cream figuring the heart motif, angel food cake and salted nuts were served.

The guests were then invited into the spacious living room where the surprise feature of the afternoon awaited them. The doors between the living and dining rooms were thrown open disclosing a huge valentine which filled the entire doorway. This was fashioned after the manner of valentines of "ye olden days" outlined by lacey paper frills, framing a gateway upon which love birds had taken up their abode and thru which glimpses could be had of an approaching fairylike form. This proved to be little Miss Katherine Measles who advanced to the magic gates and with a wave of her fairy wand announced to the tense waiting guests:

"I've a story to tell
Of Mr. Val Horn,
Whose birthday it is
If I haven't guessed wrong.

He will meddle with things
He's been told not to touch
He's a liking for sweets
Pretty girls and such.

And he'll get what he likes
Just as sure as you're born
He even will steal things
That naughty Val Horn.

He stole Miss Christine's heart
For "Sinclair" said so
But we love her too
And this I will show.

Then unlocking with tiny fingers the padlock made of hearts and throwing open the gates she stepped through and took the honoree by the hand saying:

"So come Miss Christine
And go with me
And all of our love packages
I'll let you see."

And led her through the gateway into the dimly lighted room beyond. At the touch of a hidden hand the dazzling lights leaped forth revealing an artistically decorated table upon which rested a huge heart-shaped receptacle. This the little fairy bestowed with these words:

"Now here are the packages
I told you about.
And while you untie
And take each one out"

And leaving Christine to lift the lid of the mysterious box she steps back to the Valentine gateway and concluded:

"I'll tell the world
This Valentine Horn
Is the luckiest thief
That ever was born."

Elks Dance An Enjoyable Affair

Thursday evening the Elks Club here entertained with a Valentine dance at the Club room on north Sherman street. The Valentine motif was carried out in an elaborate way, the Club room being decorated in a hue of red, suggestive of the season of hearts and cupids. Full credit for the decorations goes to the Stewart Brothers, who are past masters in the art of taking a few pieces of cardboard and tissue paper and transforming them into decorative effects pleasing to the eye.

The real feature of the evening was a tableau carrying out the Valentine theme. While Charlie's soft syncopators softly played the Love Waltz, Exalted Ruler, Frank Bolton made his entrance attired as Dan Cupid. With his tiny bow and arrow he impersonated this character to perfection, and made quite an impression as he skipped gaily around the floor, darting his little love arrows here and there.

Among those enjoying the hospitality were many out of town Elks with their ladies. Several other entertainments are on the schedule for early dates, the feature one to be the George Washington ball, which will be novel and promises some real surprises.

BENJAMIN HOWARD, JR. HAS HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Benjamin Howard, Jr., soon of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Howard of Ross Ave., was the happiest little man in town Friday when his little playmates gathered with him to celebrate his fourth birthday. His joy was shared by all the children who met at his home for the memorable occasion. They romped and played across the spacious lawn and had the time of their young lives, enjoying hugely the giving of gifts, cutting the birthday cake, and the delicious dainties and refreshments served by Mrs. Howard. May Benjamin have many more such Birthday parties is the wish of the boys and girls who played with him Friday.

ARE YOU GOING TO PARIS? HERE IS SOME ADVICE.

Paris taxi drivers are the best friends and the most dangerous friends in the world," says Maurice Cannon, who is cast in such a role in Pola Negri's new starring picture, "Shadows of Paris," a Herbert Brenon production for Paramount.

"Just as London policemen are noted for their courtesy to strangers, the Parisian taxi drivers are known for their strong friendships and their indifference to those who offend them. I have made many friends in their ranks and learned much about Paris through their agency, which I could otherwise never have dscovered. If you are going to Paris, I advise you to make friends with one of them. He will look after you like a brother and tell you stories of the city more enthralling than anything you ever read in fiction."

Maurice Cannon, formerly a national French favorite in the Theatre Nationale de L'Ddeon, came to Holly wood only a short time ago. He mastered the English speech in a few weeks.

In "Shadows of Paris" he plays the role of a taxi-driver on familiar terms with the underworld dens of the Apaches. Adolphe Menjou, Charles de Roche, and Huntly Gordon are featured opposite Pola Negri in this production.

Mother-love is the theme of "The ullaby", Jan Novak's F. B. O. starring vehicle which comes to the Palace Theatre Monday. Jane Novak, probably more than any othere star of the screen, is suited to such a role as she portrays in this unusually vivid tale written by Lillian Lucey and adapted to the screen by Hope Loring and Louis Lighton. The true light of motherlove shines always in the eyes of Jane Novak. Slender, blonde, and with the utmost appeal in her deep blue eyes, she is perhaps the foremost interpreter of this type of role on the screen. In "The Lullaby" she has every opportunity to give full play to her talents along these lines. The prison scenes, in which Jane Novak, as the imprisoned peasant mother is shown with her child, are among the most poignantly dramatic ever flung upon the silver screen, in the opinion of many of the best known critics who already have viewede "The Lullaby." A splendid cast was essembled by Producer Chester Bennett to support Miss Novak. Among those who will appear in "The Lullaby" are Robert Anderson, happily remembered for his brilliant work in the "Hearts of the World"; Fred Malatesta, Dorothy Marion Brock, Cleo Madison, Otis Harlan and Lydie Yeaman Titus, long known on the stage and screen.

Mexia Lions Appreciate Address Regarding Fertilizing Industry

The Lions Club met at the Majestic at the usual hour Friday for a social hour and for business. The Club has the interest of Mexia at heart and it is their desire to cooperate with all the good citizens of the city in building a bigger and better Mexia. Lion Morgan stated that there would be twenty or twenty-five thousand plants of various kinds for distribution to the people of Mexia. These will help very much in beautifying our little city. Those desiring plants may call on Lion Morgan for information.

Pat Patterson and Carl Davis of the Rotary Club were guests of the Lions Club and they more than paid for their lunch by giving us two splendid addresses on the subject of "Loyalty to our City." They stressed the importance of spending our money in Mexia, where our homes, our churches, and our schools are located. The business men of our city largely support our churches and our schools and they are entitled to our trade. No mail order house has paid for street improvements here, nor have they put a dime into our churches and schools so far as I know, but our business men have invested thousands in our city improvements and will continue to invest thousands each year. They are deserving of our trade and let us gladly give it to them.

Judge Stubbs of Austin gave us a very much appreciated address relative to the establishing of a new industry in Mexia soon, This will be a Fertilizer Plant which will not only be a benefit to Mexia in having this industry located here but will be beneficial to the country for miles around Mexa.. Money invested in fertilizer is one of the best investments the farmer can make as has already been proven by thousands. Larger crops and more money for the farmer and therefore more business for Mexia.

Lion Hughes made a short talk on loyalty to the Club and the city. He said that the big fish were all the time swallowing the little fish. That the larger cities were after the little ones, and that the thing for us to do was to get busy and and swallow the little fish about us. Catch the fish that were on their way to the big city trade and show them that we had the goods right here in Mexia just as good and as cheap if not cheaper. Let us be loyal to our city, to our club, and to our fellowman.

FROM THE PEOPLE

FERTILIZ AND INTENSIFY SAYS WELL KNOWN FARMER

Editor Daily News,
Mexia.
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find some timely notes on the fertilizer subject.

I have many people asking me as to what kinds they ought to use, etc. These notes will explain several things and may materially assist some of the brethern in need.

Your truly,
J. W. Stubenrauch.

The A. B. C. of Commercial Fertilizer

There seems to be considerable confusion about the meaning of the different formulas of fertilizers. While the soil is composed of many elements that more or less contributes to the growing of crops there are, however, oniy three substances that come under the head of fertilizers that need be applied, generally speaking in crop growing as we have it. Now here is a formula of 12-4-4.

This means of phosphoric acid 12 per cent, nitrogen, 4 per cent, potash, 4 per cent. And every formula reads the ham eway. Phosphoric acid first, nitrogen next, and potash last. This is given in the order of their importance. Phosphoric acid is beneficial on all soils and is the substance that becomes the first exhausted. It is the material that makes the fruit. Nitrogen is the stuff that grows the big things, big stalks of corn, cotton, and vegetables. Potash has the character to bring things a little earlier to maturity as well as to increase the quality and weight of seeds, small grain, etc. Now before we can act intelligently in the selection of our fertilizers to be used it is necessary for us to understand the condition of our ground.

If, for instance, we have good bottom land that grows big stalks of everything it would be foolish to have in fertilizer for such land any nitrogen (which would only grow more stalke.) for such land the formula of 12-0-4 would give excellent results. The 12 per cent of phosphoric acid would set many more bolls and the potash would hasten the maturity. (We will take here only the case of cotton, since for other crops, it would be wise to change the formulas somewhat.)

Now for a deep, sandy soil that is what a fellow might call "down and out" producing but little in the way of stalks and joint, a complete fertilizer formula such as 10-5-5 and about 200 pounds per acre ought to give profitable results. On sandy soil making yet a good stock the formulas of 12-1-1 or 12-0-4 will prove satisfactory. Potash is cheap, about 6 cents per pound and land quite sandy is much more in need of it than are other soils that have quite some clay in their compositions, because clay, generally speaking, contains enough potash to last many years. For a sandy loam soil with clay subsoil close underneath that yet grows good stocks, the formula of 16-0-0 for cotton in many cases has given good results. In other words it is just plain acid phosphate of 16 per cent or better that is here in order. On sandy loam soil that is pretty impoverished all around, the formulas of 12-3-2 or 12-2-2 will give good results.

Now while we are at it and going through the motion of distributing stuff we might as well use enough of it to do some good. Say at least 200 pounds per acre. As for black land and fertilizers for such I confess complete ignorance, hence have nothing to recommend.

Nitrate of soda is one of the bases for nitrogen. So is ammonium sluphate and cotton seed meal. Cotton seed meal, however, is too valuable as a feed to use in this way. It is much more profitable to feed it to good stock and haul the manure out on the land, for both the needed humus as well as the fertility.

Th nitrate of soda is the one substance that becomes quickly available hence where the object is earliness it is well to use it in a fertilizer mixture or by itself. Its becoming available at once has the drawback of its benefit not lasting thru the growing season. For this season many users of fertilizers, especially market gardners, demand nitrogen in their mixtures, composed of part nitrate of soda and part ammonium sulphate.

I have no fertilizer list on hand and the formulas I mention might not be exactly what is kept in stock by our dealers. But at any rate, after a ma ndecides as to the class of land he has he is apt to be safe to select as near the kinds of goods that I have mentioned for the various kinds of soil.

The premium contests for the best 5 acre crops will be a valuable lesson to our farming poulation in more ways than one. Above all it will teach the value of pure and high quality seeds for planting. There are many cases on record where there were differences of $10 or better per acre in the favor of high class seeds as compared to the ordinary cotton seeds quite often planted in the same field and under similar conditions.

Next it will teach the value of fertilization and intensive cultivation. Many of our folks will find that it does not pay to go fishing when cotton ought to be plowed again.

I understand that the people who are putting up a fertilizer plant also contemplates to engage in the lime business preparing and pulverizing the raw lime rock for farm use.

Such will prove one of the greatest blessings that can come our way. For it will mean the foundation of soil fertility and soil fertility cannot help but mean for all of our people more prosperity.

J. W. Stubenrauch.

MABLE CASTLE WANTED

There is a notice on the bulletin board at the postoffice stating that Mable Castle is wanted to call Breckenridge for a death message. Or see the postmaster.

Lyceum Lecturer Coming Monday to Mexia Hi School

Mr. Black Burns of the Dixie Lyceum Course will present the program at the High School auditorium on Monday evening, Feb. 18. Mr. Burns is an able lecturer and a skillful entertainer. The number is anticipated as an opportunity for high grade amusement and pleasure. The public is invited and urged to come. Admission 50 cents.

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JEFFERS-EUBANK

(Rosebud News)

A very beautiful twilight wedding was solemnized at the Baptist church in the city Monday evening last, when Miss Jessie Eubanks, of Tyler, sister of Mrs. W. A. Dollahite of this city, was married to Reverend Joe Jeffers of Mexia.

The church had never been made more attractive than on this occasion. The floral adornment which was confined to the channel, conformed to the bridal theme in charming manner. An arch fashioned of pink rosebuds, fern foliage and pink tulle supoted by artistic floor baskets, filled with blown pink roses, produced an artistic setting for this beautiful ceremony.

A lovely effect was concluded by a background of smilax and rosebuds intermingled in an invisible net. Potted ferns of glowing pink tapers in branched candlesticks placed at intervals completed the charming setting where the wedding party formed a beautiful tableau for the marriage vows.

Preceding the ceremony Mr. Paul Harper of Mexia, co-worker and choir dircetor of the church where the groom is pastor, beautifully rendered the nuptial song, "I Love You Truly." Mrs. Harper gave the piano accompaniament. Later, Mrs. Harper and Miss Vera Warrock gave "Mendelsshon's Wedding March," as a processional and recessional. The ushers, Messrs. Law, Arnold, Roy Robertson and Meyers, outlined the passage way for the wedding party. Mrs. Vernon Nicholson as Matron of Honor, was becomingly clad in canary georgette, and wore a rhinestone bandeau in her hair. A corsage of sweet peas completed her costume. Miss Neah Leet of Dallas, secretary of the B. Y. P. U., was the Maid of Honor, and was gowned in a dainty frock of pink taffeta. She wore a bandeau of rhinestones, and wore a corsage of sweet peas and pink rose buds. Miss Ruth Dennison of Waco, as bridesmaid, was lovely in a pink taffeta, a corsage of sweet peas and rosebuds completed her costume. Little Miss Marvern Devine of Galveston was the charming ring bearer, in a lovely dress of white crepe de chine, finished with pink rosebuds. She carried the ring in a single pink rose. The little flower girls Dorothy Dee Hinkle and Helen Nicholson, were pictures of loveliness and wore dainty frocks of pink crepe de chine. Bandeaux of pink ribbon and rosebuds adorned their hair. They were escorted by Masters Herbert Duncan Dollahite of Marlin and Roy Robertson, Jr., of this city. Artistic tulle baskets held the rose petals these children strew in the pathway of the bride and groom, whose untiring efforts and loyalty in their work entitles them to a never ending pathway of roses.

The bride, Miss Jessie Eubank was attractively dressed in a beautiful costume of grey charmeuse. A lovely grey chiffon cape trimmed in self same shade of grey lace, with a picture hat of rose, enhanced the loveliness of her brunette beauty. She carried an arm sheath of pink roses and valley lillies.

The groom, Mr. Joe Jeffers, was attended by Mr. Paul Harper of Mexia. Mr. Vernon Nicholson acted as groomsman in this beautiful wedding.

This wedding party was met at the beautiful chancel, where Reverend Dollahite of this city, read the beautifulu double ring ceremony. Rev. L. D. Dollahite of Marlin invoked God's blessings on this couple, who are such devout workers in their chosen professions. The bride has frequently visited here in the interest of the B. Y. P. U., of which she is a state officer, and by her charming personality and efficiency will prove a splendid helpmate to her husband, who is a young man of sterling worth, being at present pastor of the First Baptist church in Mexia, and they left immediately after the ceremony to continue their work there.

Quite a number of relatives and friends from Mexia, Tyler, Dallas, and Galveston were present for the wedding.

The groom is the beloved pastor of the First Baptist church of Mexia. The happy newlyweds are now at home at 616 East Rusk street and have been the recipients of many delightful favors and socials since their home coming last Wednesday. A shower added to their joy at the First Baptist church Saturday afternoon. Mr. Jeffers is an Alabamian by birth, his mother, Mrs. Susie D. Jeffers residing at Roanoke, Alabama. He has a sister who is a missionary in China and two others preparing for missonary fields. In all he has six brothers and eight sisters, two of whom are deceased. He lost his father also many years ago. Rev. Jeffers is popular with his people and has made many friends in Mexia since he came here almost a year ago. The bride has been received graciously, coming with stories of a beautiful character and a christian service which has made her life useful and a blessing to the State. Mexia welcomes her.

7A English Class Forms Literary Club

The 7A English Class of the McKinney Street Grammar School met in Miss Ward's room February 8th and organized a Literary Club. The following officers were elected:

Margaret Smith, President.
Louise Maddox, Secretary
Clyde Wilson, Treasurer
Barker Preddy, Sergeant at Arms
Corine Stevens, Critic
Bower Crider, Reporter.

Mrs. E. A. Hampton is home after spending several weeks in Fort Worth.

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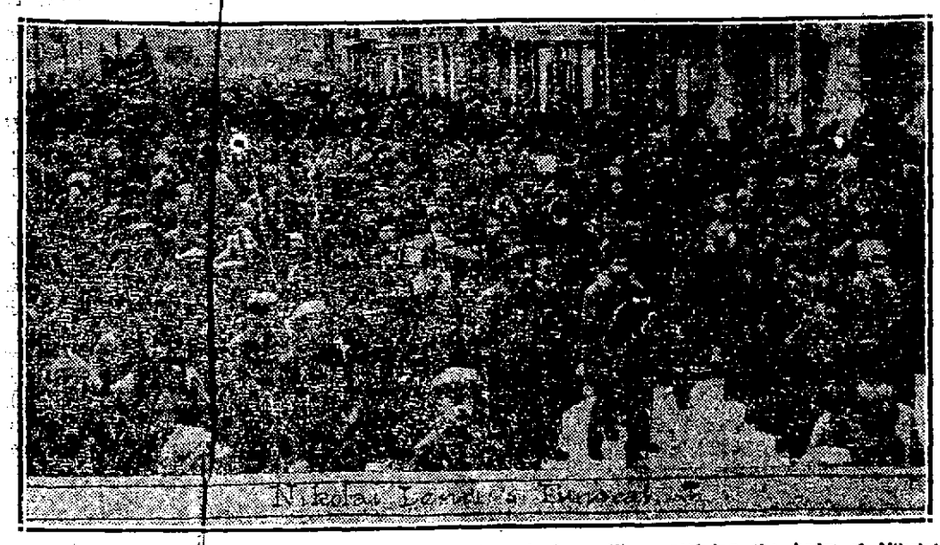

This is the first photograph to reach America of the coffin containing the body of Nikolai Lenin, Soviet Russia's Premier, being borne through the streets of Moscow by his followers, guarded by Red troops and followed by countless thousands of bareheaded men and women, despite the zero weather.

BETTER ENGLISH DAY OBSERVED BY LADIES OF THE FRIDAY CLUB

"Better English Day" was observed by the Woman's Friday club this week. An interesting and helpful lesson on the use of Better English was led by Mrs. Weems Craig and Mrs. Rome Hust, assisted by Mrs. C. O. Denning, who brought to the club a new appreciation of American composers and their music.

These topics were used in the development of the lesson:

Methods Used by Ancients in Striving for Better Speech.—Mrs. Georgia Bergeron.

Modern Better English.—Miss Lillian Bass.

Better English in Conversation.—Mrs. Sam Cox.

Criticism of American Use of words.—Mrs. J. W. Compton.

Need of Music in America's National Life.—Mrs. Oscar Denning.

Short Sketches of American Composers: Carrie Jacobs Bond.—Mrs. Ira Needham .

Maude Powell.—Miss Nan Oates.

Sharles Wakefield Cadmon.—Mrs. J. H. Sweatt.

McDonald and Nevin.—Mrs. Allen Hatch.

Better Homes And Managers For the Future

By CELIA SPARKS

For the past few weeks the tenth grade Home Management Class under the direction of Mrs. Armstrong has been studying the home and its ideals. The study began with the home in general, its ideals, education in the home, and also the duty of the mistress.

After this part of the study came the very fortunate opportunity to see the model home as illustrated in the Demonstration Cottage. The girls found it very attractive and interesting and were convinced more than ever of the importance of their course of study, and the necessity of a home for contentment. The next thing to be done was the selection of a site which would have the desirable qualifications for the home which the class would build if they were building one. This took a great deal of thought and consideration. With the site selected the next thing to be considered was the financing of the home.

Concerning this phase of the plans the class was given some very good advice and important points to consider by Mr. George Evans, instructor of Manual Training. After careful thought the girls decided that their house would be built through the Building Loan Association. Since they did not thoroughly understand the plan they were favored by an enlightening and interesting explanation on the subject from Mr. George Bell who specializes in the work.

After selecting the site for the home and solving the problem of financing it, the class found its next concern was the planning of the house. The study of house planning has not yet been completed, but as soon as it has been, the girls and Mrs. Armstrong feel that they will be efficient and ready to build a "real" house.

COLUMBUS, O.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding offered to buy back the Marion Star after the death of her distinguished husband, Hoke Donithen Ohio manager of the Coolidge campaign and personal friend of Mrs. Harding said in commenting on Frank A Vanderlip's statements regarding purchase of the paper by Louis Brush and Roy Moore.

Shakers Doomed By Their Money

CHATHAM, N. Y., Feb. 16. (United Press.)—Despite their great wealth in lands and real estate, the Shakers in the United States are rapidly nearing the time when they will be only a memory.

Their wealth is their doom. Because of it, the old men and women of the sect do not encourage accessions of young people, on the theory that young persons who might want to join them now would be prompted by purely mercenary motives.

"No person would want to unite with a society that is declining," is the way the elders look at it.

Last stages in the final passing of the sect are underway at the Mount Lebanon colony of the Shakers, near here, in the picturesque hills of Columbia county, for half a century regarded as the center of Sharkerism in the United States. Thousands of motorists who have traversed the Mohawk trail in New Your State and Massachusetts, one of the greatest scenic routes in the eastern part of the country, have seen and admired the Shaker colony holdings at Mount Lebanon.

Its well kept houses, barns and shops have been an inspiration to thousands of passersby. Thousands of tourists stop at the colony headquarters to purchase knit goods, household articles and candy made by the Shakers.

At the zenith of their prosperity, probaly fifty years ago, there were approximately 2,500 Shakers in the United States. Today there are not to exceed 250 and this remnant of the once strong organization is apportioned among the settlements at Mount Lebanon, West Pittsfield; East Centerbury, N. H., Albany and New Gloucester, Maine. The strongest community is that at East Canterbury.

B. R. Strange of Cameron was a visitor to the city Thursday.

Moving Hotel On The Water

ORANGE, Texas, Feb. 16.—The "Old Soak," had he been dozing on the banks of the Sabine River recently and waked up he would have immediately signed the pledge.

Majestically sailing down stream was a two-story hotel.

The building, containing 24 rooms, had been located in Orange. When it was decided to move it to Port Neches it was placed aboard a barge and towed to its new site. The building made the trip with no damage whatever.

COTTON CONGRESS IN VIENNA

VIENNA. (United Press.) — The International Cotton Producers Congress will met here in June. More than 200 representatives of cotton growing countries will attend. The two chief subjects to be discussed are the "International Court and Cotton Litigation" and the "Rational Utilization of the Unused Cotton Growing Districts of the World."

R. L. Maddox Buys Hat Machine

R. L. Maddox returned from Ft. Worth last week where he attended a demonstration of the latest Hat Blocking machinery. While there he also took a course in Hat Blocking and Cleaning under an expert from New York who has been with the John B. Stetson Company for thirty-five years.

Mr. Maddox states that he made purchase of one of the Hat Blocking Machines which will arrive in Mexia within about twenty days and will be installed in his shop. Upon its arrival he will have an expert from the factory who will give a one day demonstration. Any one having a soiled hat or one which needs reblocking will have the privilege of doing so free of any charges for that day.

This machine will be quite an addition to Mr. Maddox's shop and will be a credit to our city.—(Adv.)

Wiley Sims of Personville was in Mexia Thursday.

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All must realize that a new situation has arisen in high-grade cars. You who are interested should now analyze the reasons.

72-year traditions

The Studebaker principles have become traditions in their 72 years of existence. They have never wavered. In all changing conditions they have brought new luster to that name.

Men come and go, but a name like this becomes a heritage to foster and enhance. That's what we've done — we who have that name in keeping for a time.

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Studebaker has always been a leader. For two generations it led in horse-drawn vehicles, now products of the past.

Most of you remember Studebaker carriages — queens of their time. They were used by multitudes of people who loved quality and style.

When motor cars succeeded them, Studebaker became the logical leader in that field. Any other place would have been an anomaly.

The only way to the top

A concern of this age has one fact ingrafted in its fiber. The only way to leadership is through superservice.

The leader must excel in all you seek — in quality, in beauty and in value. There is no other way to the top. Every stretch of the road is strewn with wrecks of those who tried another.

What others say — not what you say — determines your place in the long run. In every field of endeavor one must accept that fact.

We had the money, the plants, the prestige. We had the incentive of Studebaker traditions. In time we secured the men.

We told those men to build for us the utmost in fine motor cars, regardless of all costs. We pledged them our good faith and our resources.

The cost was $50,000,000

We built new factories — modern plants. We fitted them with new equipment — 12,500 up-to-date machines. Of the $50,000,000 in our plants and equipment, $32,000,000 has been invested in the past five years. So it represents the last word in efficient manufacture.

We established a Department of Methods and Standards, to fix for every Studebaker detail the maximum of quality.

We created a Bureau of Research and Experiment, employing 125 skilled men. They make 500,000 tests per year to maintain our supremacy.

They fixed countless standards, including 35 separate formulas for steels. Then on the most important steels we offered makers a bonus of 15% to conform to those standards exactly.

We invested $8,000,000 in a drop forge plant to make all our own drop forgings. $10,000,000 in body plants, to build all bodies to our standards.

We employed 1,200 skilled inspectors to see that all standards were fulfilled. There are 30,000 inspections on Studebaker cars during manufacture, before they go out from the factory.

That's the whole story

That's about the whole story. We simply followed the never-changing Studebaker principles. We gave to our buyers the utmost—values they could not match. Then they turned by tens of thousands to Studebaker cars.

Over 750,000 of those cars have gone out. Their performance has developed a demand for 150,000 per year.

Every increase in sales brought a lowered cost, which we promptly gave our buyers. Today these fine cars are offering values which no rival can approach. They have made us the world's largest builders of quality cars.

We deserve a hearing

Now we deserve a hearing. All who consider a car at $1,000 or over should learn what Studebaker offers. That in fairness to yourself and us. Check one by one the advantages we offer. You'll find them by the score.

Remember that 145,000 who did that last year chose a Studebaker car. There are nine chances in ten that you'll do it.

Consider our record, our accomplishments, our policies and principles. Consider that we have $90,000,000 at stake on satisfying men like you. Don't buy a car in this high-grade class without seeing what we give.

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People paid over $200,000,000 last year for Studebaker cars.

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Through A Woman's Eyes

PLANTING THE HOME GROUNDS ADDS BEAUTY AND INCREASES VALE

It takes more than a house to make a home. Likewise it takes more than a beautiful building to make an attractive place. A simple cottage or bungalow beautiful with shrubbery, trees, grass and flowers is far more attractive and homey in appearance than the most luxurious and costly mansion without these plantings.

It is positively pitiful to see the many homes that are without plantings of any kind. Such places may often be seen not only in the country, but in the cities and towns as well. When one can so easily and so inexpensively beautify these bare places with a small amount of shrubbery and trees, grass and flowers, it is nothing short of a calamity for it not to be done.

Everyone Likes Beautiful Grounds.

It is true that one may live just as long in a home that is not properly beautiful with trees, shrubbery, etc., but in such a place, one can never get the most out of life. It matters not how little beauty may mean to some people, the person never breathed who would not think more of a home properly beautified with trees, shrubbery, etc., than one built out in the open, with nothing in the way of shrubbery and grass to tie it to old mother earth. We would therefore make an earnest plea that the home grounds be planted. Do it now, as this planting work can be done any time during the winter or early spring before buds in the plants begin to swell.

Many people imagine that it is very expensive to properly plant the home grounds. We believe this is one of the outstanding reasons why so many homes are not planted. It is a mistake to think that a large amount of money is necessary to beautify the home. Of course much money may be spent for this purpose if one has large grounds and wishes an elaborate planting. But the small home or even the large one, may be properly planted with trees, shrubbery, etc., at a price that is well within the reach of everyone.

We have seen many small cottages and bungalows practically remade in appearance by the planting of only $5 to $10 worth of shrubbery and trees about the place. True, more than this amount should be spent if possible, but if more than $5 or $10 cannot be spared for this purpose, then by carefully selecting the kinds of shrubbery and trees one can make a very good showing with this small amount of money. By spending $25, $50 or $75 one can get enough shrubbery and trees to make a most excellent planting about the home. If something elaborate is desired, then a few hundred dollars will bring the desired results.

Planting the Grounds Increases Value of Property.

When looking at this matter from the dollar and cents standpoint only, it pays to plant the home grounds. The very minute one properly plants $25 to $100 worth of shrubbery, trees, flowers and grass on the home grounds, the value of the property is increased anywhere from $500 to $1,000. This has been demonstrated over and over again, and even if beautifying the home grounds means little to one, they should be beautified from the standpoint of making the property more valuable in case it is sold.

ONE MINUTE SERMON

By E. H. HUDSON

Subect: Child Welfare and the Home.

Text: "While he was yet young."

Futurity is most vulnerable at the point named childhood.

Neglect of child welfare today impairs Church and State tomorrow.

A child is like a ship that floats the argosies of character forward, bearing them to the generations yet to walk the earth.

The reach of the cradle is the longest reach in the world; planet-wide and age-long, it sculptures character, shapes history, produces revolutions, makes peace and colors the stream of time with the gold of heaven.

"All true troubles of the ages
Are from mothers love impearled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world."

Race welfare begins with the child in the home.

Of the three divine elemental institutions, the Home, the Church and the State—the Home was the first and shall be the last.

When God would found a nation, He began with a Home.

When He would found a Church, He began teaching in a Home.

The Father was the first preacher, the Mother the first teacher and the Home the first church.

Every child born, bearing the impress of "The Father of Spirits", comes to society as a gift, fresh, new mysterious, potent with vast capabilities and possibilities for weal or woe.

But it is not an absolute gift; God gives, owns, uses and takes away.

A child is a trust involving serious responsibility on the part of Home, State and Church.

Japan has the right conception: that a child is every man's child—the nation's child.

Every child's welfare depends on five things: Being well born; a good home; proper social environment; high educational facilities; and true religious training.

Of these five a good home is not the least essential.

Future America is being moulded today in American homes.

As go the Homes so will go the Nation.

The fight for the preservation of the Home is the most important battle of today.

The Nation's greatness and survival depends on the purity of her homes.

The Home is the unit; the whole cannot be essentially different from its parts.

When the Home is corrupted, the state is corrupted and fails.

When the Eternal Word and the Altar of Prayer disappear from the home, the churches are empty.

When authority and discipline disappear from the home, prisons and asylums are crowded.

Good citizens must come from good children and good children from good homes.

One cannot be raised like a pig and vote like a man.

Our laws are the outgrowth of the effort to protect and preserve the home.

Rome set her altars and firesides together; her holiest oaths were by her household Gods.

When her altars and firesides were separated, Rome fell.

American homes are indanger of losing both altars and firesides.

We are substituting the club, the theatre, the amusement place for the home and it is in danger of becoming a shelter and a boarding house.

We are delegating education and religious training to preacher and teacher.

We need a restoration of the Old Fashioned Southern Home as a fundamental step in our fight for child welfare. We need an old fashioned father with his Bible and Strap and an old fashioned mother with her gentleness and devotion.

We need laws for the protection of children from child-labor, ignorance and vice—laws looking to the giving to every child the rights of a cradle, a home, a school and a church.

We need Christian mothers in the homes.

I would rather see every club silent and every pink-tea room empty and every auto abandoned, and every millinery establishment closed, than to see our old time home life deprived of a mother's presence, love, devotion and prayers.

The mother is the silent mould of civilization—the good angel inspiring the men who make history.

Looking behind happy homes, good children and noble men, we invariably find good mothers.

Samuel, Timothy, Augustine, Wesley, Shapespeare, Burns, Washington, Lincoln and Wilson had predecessors in good mothers.

The mother's is a ministry older and deeper and stronger than the Eugenist's theories or the Sociologist's propaganda or the Prophet's message.

In her love and prayers we find the out-populating power of the Christian stock.

The heroes and servants of this age were reared by saintly mothers in good homes.

The human thorns of today—the Reds and Anarchists and Traitors—were mothered by the weeds of yesterday.

The child is father to the man; the home moulds the child; the mother makes the home.

The mother's is the longest of all earthly influences but the narrowest.

It runs in a groove reaching from time to eternity but is narrowed largely to her own home and her own children; reaching other homes and other children only in a limited way.

Women's greatest and divinest mission is to remain a mother and preserve her home.

The mightiest child-welfare force on earth is a good mother.

Her influence on the welfare of the child in her home is greater than all the clubs and associations and federations in the world.

A mother's love is more powerful than a thousand pledges signed in loyal legions.

Her example and teaching in her home are mightier than a thousand examples of virtue or vice on the outside.

If you would labor for child-welfare begin with the fathers and mothers and teach and save them that they by example and love may teach and save their children.

If you would labor for child-welfare, put God back into your homes and rekindle your dead altar fires.

God on the door posts of your homes is more important than God in your books or on your coins or in your constitution.

If you would labor for child-welfare go write above the portals of your own home: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

BACK TO THE HOME

In considering the influences that tend to disintegrate the home, joy-riding, jazzing and movies are sometimes mentioned, but never the radio.

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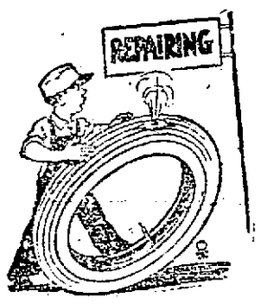

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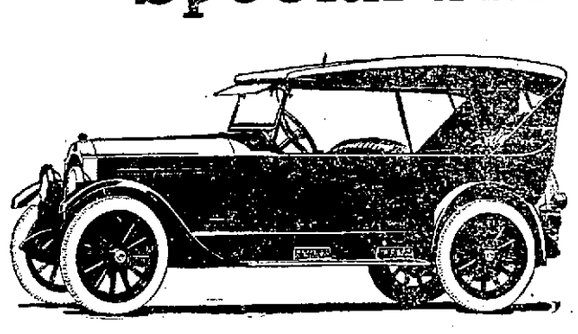

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The Hackney test, being drilled by Lytle and Carter, Iowa capitalists, three and a half miles Northeast of the Fishpond and about two miles south of Wortham, is still holding the center of interest in local oil circles. It is thought that within the next few days, it will be known just what to expect from subsequent drilling, as the drillers are to rat hole ahead before setting the casing. The bit has penetrated to a depth around 2885 feet.

Fair weather has stimulated drilling and optimism during the week just closed. Quite a number of new locations were made in the Richland field and derricks are going up for a number of new tests, including the operations of the Godley Oil Company, Max Gutman and others.

The Cerf Number 2 of the E. L. Smith Oil Company is drilling around 2000 feet. Blake Smith stated Friday that the company planned to make a deep test of this operation. According to a ruling now effective in the oil fields, no deep test is permitted within fifty feet of a shallow producer.

In the Powell field new locations have been granted for W. T. Parker's I. N. Cerf, Humphreys Oil Company's W. J. McKie 63; Simms Oil Company's H. B. Boyd 5, McMann Oil Company's P. A. Chapman 2, Tidal Oil Company's S. D. Ramsey 10A and J. K. Hughes Developing Company's Alexander 8.

The production of the Powell district is yet hanging around 100,000 with six figures yet required to record the pipe line runs. A slight increase was reported this week over last, amounting to around 1,000 barrels daily. The Humble still leads the area with slightly above 30,000 barrels daily. The Gulf Production Company is second with a yield around 17,000 barrels. The Humphreys Oil Company is third with approximately 12,000 barrels daily. Sixth in the list of successful operators is the E. L. Smith Oil Company with around 3,500 barrels daily. The J. K. Hughes Developing Company's production is showing a slight increase, its daily yield now being near the 1750 barrel mark. There are about three dozen companies and individuals participating in the production there.

The production in the Golden Lane and Fishpond at Mexia clings tenaciously to the 40,000 barrels daily point, with the Humphreys Oil Company far ahead of all other companies. In the area including Mexia, Powell and Currie, the Humphreys Oil Company and the Humble Oil Company have a daily production almost the same.

With the flush production in this area gone, the interest of all producers is expected soon to concentrate on a cleaning up campaign by which it is expected to conserve every barrel of production and to increase the yield as much as possible.

A new price is also expected within the next few days, amounting at least to an advance of 15 cents per barrel, which would make Mexia and Powell production $2.00 and Currie $2.40. It is pointed out that advances elsewhere entitle the local producers to look for such a posting.

The Marlin field is yielding around 500 barrels daily. However, that is not considered a Balconnes pool. The production area near Chilton in Falls county is now almost two years old.

With the coming of March, the dissolution of the Humphreys Oil Company is expected. A meeting has been called in Mexia, of all stockholders, to meet here on the first of March to consider its dissolution the properties to become nominally and in fact merged with the Pure Oil Company. The change will have a slight effect on offices here. Many of the heads of various departments will likely be moved elsewhere, while the regular force here will likely increase to take care of the interests of the coming, which are considered about normal, in that little change in production and not a great deal of future drilling are expected.

Limestone, Freestone and Navarro tank farms are now housing approximately 30,500,000 barrels of crude petroleum, according to records of the early part of the month. This represented a gain over the month preceding of around 1,000,000 barrels. About 25,000,000 of this is in Limestone and Freestone counties.

This production has come from around 1200 wells, 635 of which are at Powell and 585 at Mexia and Currie. The daily yield of wells in Mexia and Currie is about 70 barrels per well and at Powell is approximately 160 barrels per well.

The revenues to the section from taxes levied on the oil in storage is expected to be quite an item in the three counties concerned.

Lincoln Program Given By Pupils

The following is the program given by the 7A Literary Club of the McKinney Street Grammar School on February 12th in observance of Lincoln's birthday.

Boyhood of Lincoln—Cline West.

Manhood of Lincoln—Louise Maddox.

Lincoln as President—Corine Stevens.

The Gettysburg Address—Bower Crider.

Description of Lincoln, The Man—Madie Mae Tharton.

Incidents in the Life of Lincoln—
Barker Preddy
Wayne Laird
Bowman Snider
Harold Walker

Poem "Abraham Lincoln" by Richard Henry Stoddard—Margret Smith

The program was completed by the class reciting in concert the following quotation from Abraham Lincoln:

"I will study and prepare myself, and then some day my chance will come."

ROME.—They still want Harry Sinclair as king of Albania. According to reports here there is a lively struggle going on in the Albanian parliament over the form of government to be adopted and the choice of a ruler. Sinclair is mentioned along with Prince Nicholas of Roumaina, Prince Charles of Jugo-Slavia and Prince Sixtus of Parma.

Music Club Gives Program Friday

The 7A Music Club of the McKinney Street Grammar school met Friday, February 15th. The class was called to order by the president. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the class was then entertained by the following program:

Life of George Washington—Margaret Smith

Reading—Irene Westmoreland.

Quintette—Clyde Wesson, Donald Cox, Bower Crider, Robert Hosely, and Wayne Lair.

Readings—Louise Maddox.

Joke—Barker Preddy

—Class Reporter.

DALLAS.—Anyone caring to have their photograph taken free of charge may do so by being electrocuted at the state prison. Photographs of the five negroes given the extreme penalty there recently, have been received by the bureau of criminal identification at police headquarters here. Hereafter, all persons electrocuted at Huntsville will be photographed.

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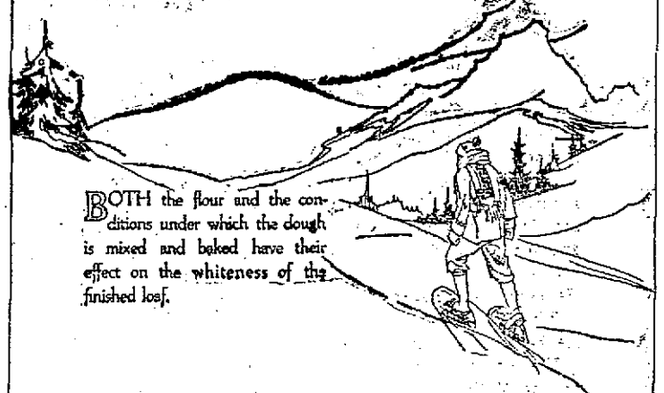

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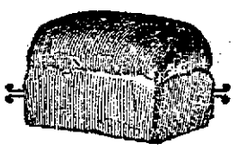

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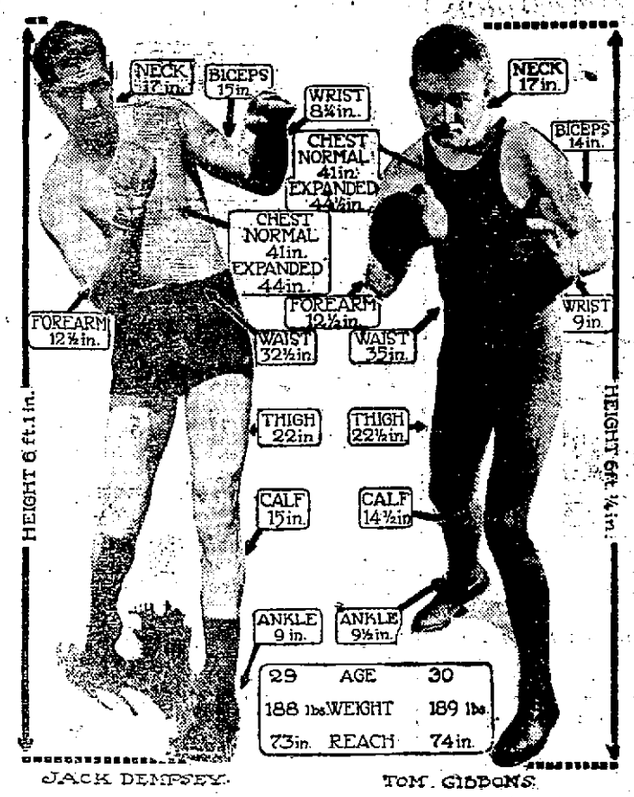

JACK DEMPSEY. TOM GIBBONS.

It is considered certain that Jack Dempsey will meet Tommy Gibbons, the only man who ever stayed the limit with him since he became champion, in a championship 15-round bout in New York City the last week in May. Gibbons, meantime, will be brought East and matched with Gene Tunney and others to let the cash customers see what he can do, and to steam up interest in the fight with Dempsey. It is probable Dempsey will meet Luis Angel Firpo in New York on July 4, and take on Harry Wills, negro contender, in the same ring on Labor Day.

Noted Linguist Teaches i nTexas

By FRANCES ETHEL WIPFF

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 16.—One of the country's most noted linguists is teaching Texas boys and girls at the State University. Harry J. Leon of the classical language department of the University of Texas speaks seven languages fluently and reads four others with ease. If he were in a truly cosmopolitan group of people, he could talk with the German, the Frenchman, the Greek, the Italian, and Englishman. If none of the group spoke German, French, Greek, Italian or English, he could use Yiddish. With the old churchmen, he could converse in Latin. Mr. Leon reads Spanish, ancient Greek, Hebrew and Sanskrit.

"If I had the chance to practice Spanish, I am sure that I could learn to speak it, too," he added modestly, "for the acquiring of a foreign language is a mere matter of practice."

Mr. Leon was connected with Harvard University for eight years. During six years of that time he was a resident student, getting his B. A. degree in 1918 and his M. A. in 1919. During the year 1920 he spent the time in doing work for his Ph. D. degree, the requirements of which he hoped to complete this year. His eyes, however, have prevented his working as much as he desired. Mr. Leon received the Sheldon Scholarship which entitled him to spend the next two years in Rome and on the continent of Europe studying languages. He had his headquarters at the American Academy in Rome, but spent some time studying languages in various parts of the country. He devoted most of his time to Italy and Greece, however.

During the long session of 1922-23, Mr. Leon was an instructor in the University of Pittsburgh. This year he is teaching both Latin and Greek in the University of Texas.

Mr. Leon spent his boyhood days in Worcester, Mass., and received his high school training there. He was fortunate, he said, in getting a training in the languages while in high school. He studied French, German, Greek, and English in school and took outside work in Hebrew.

He pointed out that languages grow and change with the people.

"We could not understand Homer, Marlowe, or even Shakespear if we did not know the languages used by each author during his own day. Language, however, is not only the key to literature, but it is a record of man's history and his development. The knowledge of languages adds to comprehension in our own native speech. I recommend that every American who wishes to become educated have a thorough knowledge of English, of two modern foreign languages, and of one ancient language, Latin preferably.

"We should know languages because in the future we are going to come in closer contact with the peoples of the world. Europeans in general already are far in advance of Americans. French is the best modern language to know, because it will get one farther on the continent. For business purposes, especially in Texas, one should know Spanish; for scientific purposes one should know both French and German."

As an incident giving importance of knowing languages, Mr. Leon said:

"There are many who believe that people speaking the same language should be united under one government. If everyone sincerely believed that, we should be united with the Italian government. The Angelo Saxons speak a language which was derived from one spoken by a Germanic people. The Germanic people in turn derived their speech from a Celtic people. The Celtic people got their language from the Latin when Rome conquered them."

SAXON QUEEN PEDDLES NEEDLEWORK.

Former Queen Louise of Saxony, 50 years old, living in Brussels under the name of Countess Dysette for the past twelve years, has been reduced to peddling embroidery on the streets to eke out a miserable existence. The former Queen is separated from her husband, Torsell famous composer, with whom she eloped 20 years ago. She receives a pension from her former husband, ex-King Frederick of Saxony, but it is payable in marks and amounts to only a few cents.

McGRAW TAKES A SLAP AT THE CINCINNATI REDS

By HENRY L. FARRELL
(United Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—In the midst of all the nice things that are being said about the Cincinnati Reds, the voice of John McGraw causes a harsh discord when he remarks:

"Pennant for the Reds?—They'll do well to finish third."

For the sake of those who might at first thought attach some infallibility to the words and opinions of McGraw, it might be recalled that the leader of the Giants said the same thing last year about the Reds.

When Pat Moran finished the season in second place, McGraw admitted that he was mistaken in underestimating the strength of the Cincinnati club, but he said that he was still of the opinion that the Pittsburgh Pirates should have finished second.

McGraw then thinks no more of the pennant chances of the Reds this year than he did last winter and he quotes the same reason—"no punch."

The Giant leader isn't even willing to admit that Cincinnati has a superior pitching staff.

"Carl Mayes and Jake May will not be winners. Sheehan may, but that's just a guess," he says. "With Donohue, Rixey and Luque, the Reds are no better fixed with pitchers than I am."

McGraw figures that Jack Bentley is going to be the big surprise of the 1924 season. He insists that he can make a winning pitcher out of Joe Oeschger and he looks to Art Nehf for a better season. On the law of averages, he feels he should get at least one good pitcher out of the twenty new ones he has signed.

Granting that McGraw is a genius, that he is the most successful manager in the business it must be admitted that he has not always been a perfect judge of players. His average is about .500.

If the Reds were good enough to be the runner up club last season, it should be logical to figure that they would be at least fifteen games better this year. Mays, Sheehan and May might turn out to be busts and that would not make the entire Red staff the bust that the Giant staff was last season and the bust that it threatens to be next season.

FEEDING THE LIONS

The lions in the zoological gardens must be fed fresh meat at stated periods or they perish for lack of nourishment.

The same principle applies to the managers of city politics—the municipal machine must have new blocks of voters to replace its losses.

When a city like Seattle, Detroit or San Francisco takes over the street car lines, the municipal machine adds thousands of voters to its payrolls.

As the city grows and becomes a great political power in state affairs it reaches out for other utilities and endeavors to extend its control over country areas in order to have food for its army of office-holders through which it controls elections.

To illustrate: Ten years ago San Francisco voters were asked for and authorized $45,000,000 for supply of pure mountain water, but have not yet received the water.

Now they are asked for some $39,000,000 more, ostensibly to complete the water project, but in reality to develop electric light and power in addition to the water system.

To gain votes the municipal machine tells voters it will operate light and power plants and prevent "robbery" of the people by private companies.

Private plants in all cities are under state regulation, their rates are fixed by law and they give adequate service or can be made to do so at no expense to taxpayers.

But their properties extend far into other counties in the state where the municipal machine seeks political power, hence the desire for municipal ownership with additional thousands of city employes—the municipal lions must have meat.

Generally speaking, the conditions under which city machine politics operate are the same in Detroit, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and all other large cities.

The issue is one of private ownership non-political state control and regulation as opposed to public ownership under political machine management.

MINES IN BLACK SEA

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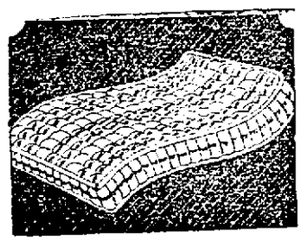

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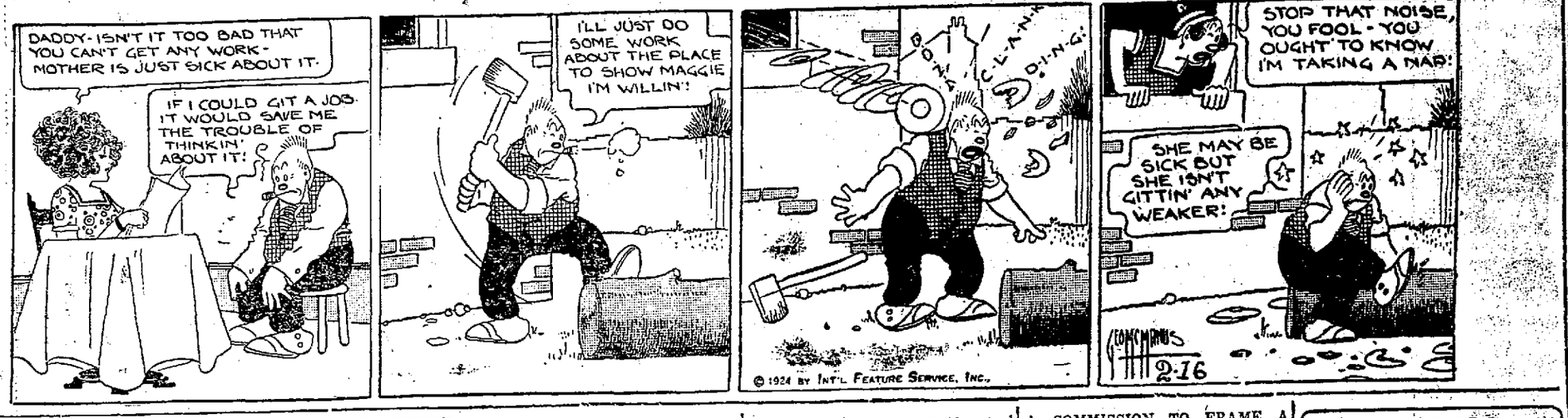
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FOUND—Automobile casing Thursday on Reunion ground road. Owner may recover by paying for this ad at News Office. 15D3

WANTED TO BUY—E

WANT TO BUY—J. K. Hughes Developing Company, E. L. Smith Oil Company, Mexia Heart of Pool Royalty Company, Powell Five Hundred. Jesse McLendon, room 1 McLendon building, Mexia, Texas. 18E30

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WE SELL and exchange all kinds of furniture, floor covering, stoves, and kitchen hardware. M. Langston, new and second hand furniture. Phone 56. May 10tf.

FOR SALE—J

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AUTOMOBILES—Chandler 7 passenger; Buick coupe; Chevrolet 5 passenger; Ford touring; Ford roadster; Ford truck, also used parts cheap. Trade me your old car and get a good one. Also cars repaired any time. McDowell, 211 North McKinney St. 15J7

FOR SALE—Ford four door sedan. Practically new, bought in December. $300 off the list; only $275 cash down will handle. New Way Laundry. Phone 399. 15J7

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FOR SALE OR TRADE—Restaurant fully equipped, 12 stools, counter, cash register, 2 big ice boxes, coffee urn, dishes and cooking utensils, also 2 story building close in doing good business. Will accept Ford car at value and give terms on part. Price $$$. See Wildman at Second Hand Store, 117 East Palestine St. 15J7

FOR SALE—Nice Jersey cow with young calf. Ring 384 or 387. 14J4

FOR SALE—Sow and 5 pigs, also 2 incubators, 220 egg capacity each. See R. L. Maddox. 15J2

FOR SALE—1923 Ford roadster, 20 [illegible] galvanized water tank, and miscellaneous lumber suitable for houses, barns or sheds. See us at once as we are closing out these items immediately. Phoenix Iron Works Co., Sinclair Tank Farm from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m. or 307 N. Bonham street between 5 and 7 p. m. 15J2

Mrs. J. C. Sloan, of Wichita Falls, has returned to her home after a visit in the home of her brother, Sam Cox of this place.

HOUSES FOR RENT—K

FOR RENT—Five room house close in, also light housekeeping rooms furnished. Apply 201 North Bonham, call 683-J. 9K7

FOR RENT—Three room box house, beaver boarded, East Milam, half block off Ross Ave. Ring 381 or 387. 14K4

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FOR RENT—Desirable two and three room apartments, conveniently located, all modern conveniences, lights, gas and water, furnished. Reasonable rates. Gates Apartments, 834 East Commerce St. Telephone 633. 8L26

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NOTICE.

We have sold the business known as The Bon Ton Bakery, to Propp Bros., they taking charge of same on 14th day of February, 1924. We will not be responsible for any debts or contracts entered into after above date.

Bon Ton Bakery. 15-10

H. G. Jones of Bryan was in the city Thursday.

INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

WHO?—Single persons who had net income of $1,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of $1,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more, and married couples who had net in come of $2,000 or more or gross income of $5,000 or more must file returns.

WHEN?—The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1924.

WHERE?—Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

HOW?—Instructions on Form 1040-A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT?—Four per cent normal tax on the first $4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemption and credits for dependents. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of net income. Surtax from 1 per cent to 50 per cent on net incomes over $6.000 for the year 1923.

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EFFECTIVE 12:01 A. M. JUNE 17th.

North bound—

345	From cut-off	1:47 p. m.
15	Dallas Ft. Worth	3:44 p. m
31	Dallas Ft. Worth	12:50 p. m.
37	Dallas Ft. Worth	5:14 a. m.
17	Dallas Ft. Worth	4:35 a. m.
19	Dallas Ft. Worth	3:55 a. m.

South bound—

346	To cut-off	7:00 a. m.
16	Houston San Antonio	11:35 a. m.
32	From Dallas	10:08 a. m.
38	Austin San nAtonio	12:21 a. m.
18	Houston San Antonio	1:37 a. m.
20	Houston San Antonio	12:15 a. m.

T. & B. V.

North.
No. 8—3:25 p. m.
South.
No. 7—12:55 p. m.

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AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 16.—Besides being good swimmers, dancers, riders and baseball players, co-eds at the University of Texas are also excellent hikers. And they do not stop at taking ten mile hikes, but go in for real hikes of 20 miles and 50 miles. Each year the Varsity hikers take two 50-mile hikes and four 20-mile hikes, besides the shorter ones throughout the year. On March 1 the first group of 50-mile hikers will leave Austin and will walk either to Kyle, a distance of 25 miles, and back, or they will walk to New Braunfels and ride back. The co-eds, arrayed in their regulation hiking togs, spend three days making their journey. Points toward the coveted Longhorn athletic "T" are awarded for the hikes.

CARPENTIER DETHRONED

PARIS.—Eugene Criqui and not Georges Carpentier is the best boxer in France, judging from a referendum taken by l'Auto. Of 15,000 odd votes, Criqui received 6,860, and Carpentier, who never recovered from the affair in New Jersey, 5,812. Battling Siki has still 214 admirers at least. A warrior named Routis got two votes and Barrick and Gleizes voted for themselves.

Orvel Hornbeck, of Tehuacana was in the city Friday.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
STATE OF TEXAS,
City of Mexia,
County of Limestone.

On this the 11th day of February, 1924, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, convened pursuant to adjournment in the City Hall, E. Watson, Mayor, W. C. Wilson, Commissioner, and J. R. Forrest, Commissioner, being present, and among other business transacted, the following ordinance was passed:

AN ORDINANCE

An ordinance ordering a special election in the City of Mexia, Texas, on the 18th day of March, 1924, for the submission of the question, "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING FROM THE CITY OF MEXIA AT LARGE A CHARTER COMMISSION OF NOT LESS THAN 15 MEMBERS AND DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH SAID ELECTION IS TO BE HELD AND APPOINTING PRESIDING OFFICERS THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY."

WHEREAS, the City of Mexia, Texas, has more than 5,000 actual bona fide inhabitants, and whereas, since its incoropration the City has been operating under the General Statutes of Texas, and without a Charter, and whereas, it will be to the best interest and general welfare of said City to adopt a Charter, and thereby confer upon said city the full powers of local self government, as contemplated and authorized by Article 11, Section 5, Constitution of Texas as amended in 1912, and all laws pursuant thereto, and

WHEREAS, on the 5th day of February, 1924, the following request was made to the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, for action:

"We, the undersigned resident citizens of the City of Mexia, Texas, hereby respectfully request the Honorable Mayor and Commissioners to submit to the voters of said city the question whether a commission shall be chosen to frame a charter for said city, said question to be submitted at the first opportune time." signed by W. J. Keeling and 97 others, and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas, by a unanimous vote of its members deems it advisable to order an election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of said city the question "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER"; and for the purpose of electing 15 members from the City at large to compose such Charter Commission, and

WHEREAS, the next regular municipal election in and for the City of Mexia, cannot and will not be held until the 9th day of April, 1925 which will be more than 90 days after this ordinance shall have been passed, and it being, therefore, impracticable and impossible to hold the election herein provided for at the next regular municipal election,

THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Mexia, Texas:

Section 1. That a special election be held Tuesday the 18th day of March 1924, in the City of Mexia, Tex., for the purpose of submitting the following question, to-wit: "SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER".

Section 2. That at said election also, there shall be elected from amongst the qualified voters of said city at large 15 Commissioners, whose duty it shall be to frame, report and submit such Charter, in case of a majority of the qualified voters at said election shall vote in favor of the proposition, to choose a Commission to frame such Charter.

Section 3. That the following shall be the form of the ballot to be used in determining the questions provided for in the sections 1 and 2 hereof, at said election, to-wit:

"FOR THE CHOOSING OF A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MEXIA, TEXAS".

"AGAINST THE CHOOSING OF A COMMISSION TO FRAME A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF MEXIA, TEXAS."

Provided that if any person or persons shall desire to become a candidate or to nominate any person or persons for candidates for members of the said Commission they shall file such names with the City Secretary of the City of Mexia, Texas, not later than the 14th day of March 1924 at 5 o'clock; and the names so filed shall be printed on said ballot in the appropriate blanks, following the provision for an affirmative vote. And in such case, it shall be proper and sufficient for the voter, voting for said Commission to strike out the names of persons for whom he does not desire to vote, and, it shall be proper also for such voter to add to the list of names which may be on the said ballot the names of other persons for whom he desires to vote, and, in case no name shall be printed on said ballot, as herein provide for, the voter shall write thereon the names of those for whom he desires to vote for as members of such Commission. Provided further, that the failure of any voter to vote for as many as 15 separate persons for members of such Commission shall not invalidate his ballot.

Section 4. That the polling place for holding said election shall be the City Hall in the City of Mexia, Texas, and H. L. Hall shall be the presiding officer to hold said election.

Section 5. That said election shall be held under the provision of Chapter 147, Acts of the Legislature of the State of Texas of 1913, Regular Session; and all persons qualified to vote in said City, under the laws of this State, regulating general elections, shall be allowed to vote.

Section 6. That the manner of holding the said election shall be governed by the General Laws of the State of Texas, regulating General Elections, when not in collict with the provisions of the law hereinabove referred to.

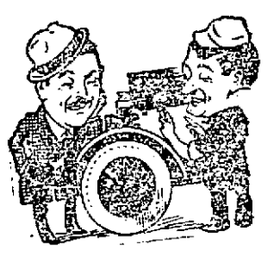
Section 7. That notice of said election shall be given by publishing this ordinance under the style: "NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION," in the Official Newspaper of said city, published in said city, for thirty (30) full days prior to the date of said election, and shall serve as legal notice of same.

Section 8. The fact that the City of Mexia, Texas, is at the present time without a Charter, and that the public interest requires a Charter, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity for the suspension of the rules requiring ordinances to be read upon more than one day, and for the immediate taking effect of this ordinance and such rules are hereby suspended, and it is ordained that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this the 11th day of February, 1924.

E. WATSON, Mayor.

Attest:
R. D. Morgan, City Secretary.
(Feb. 12 to March 17 incl)



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CANDIDATES
Announcements
1924 ELECTIONS

LIMESTONE COUNTY

The following candidates for the offices named submit their names subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in Limestone county on the 26th day of July, 1924:

For Governor—
FELIX G. ROBERTSON.

For District Judge, 77th Judicial Dis.
C. H. MACHEN

For Judge 87th Judicial District—
J. ROSS BELL
(Re-Election 2nd Term)
J. E. WOODS.

For District Clerk—
ELLIS DICKERSON.
M. A. AINSWORTH.

For Representative Limestone County
W. P. ALEXANDER.

For County Judge—
H. F. KIRBY (Re-election sought)
JOHNSON WAKEFIELD
B. W. MILES.

For County Clerk—
J. L. DAY, (re-election.)

For County Tax Assessor—
TOM M. CAIN
R. W. (BOB) STEEN
A. A. HYDEN.
J. L. HIGGINBOTHAM

For Tax Collector—
W. A. ROBBINS. (re-election.)

For County Treasurer—
H. C. FITZGERALD.

For Sheriff—
WHIT POPEJOY (re-election.)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 4—
JOHN M. KENNEDY, (re-election)

For County Treasurer—
MRS. LULA OATES, (re-election.)

County Attorney—
SCOTT REED (re-election, second term.)

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T. & B. V. May Use Katy Trackage From Waxahachie to Dallas

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 16.—The Trinity & Brazos Valley Railroad has not abandoned its plans to enter Dallas by a trackage arrangement with the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad from Waxahachie to Dallas, giving a new and a short line from Dallas to Houston, according to Gen. John A. Hulen of Houston, receiver for the T. & B. V., who is in Dallas on business.

With an entrance into Dallas over the Katy from Waxahachie, the T. & B. V. would have a route from Dallas to Houston which would be sixteen miles shorter than the Houston & Texas Central and almost 100 miles shorter than the route of the Katy, Gen. Hulen said.

Another material advantage that the T. & B. V. would enjoy would be its small grade, which is the lowest of any railroad in Texas. Hauling costs are greatly decreased over a road with a slight grade, as heavier loads can be pulled at less expense than over a road with heavy grades, he said.

"While the T. & B. V. would be a competitor of the Katy if our line entered Dallas over the Katy tracks, any road will make trackage arrangements with another line if the arrangements are profitable enough," said Gen. Hulen. "We have not abandoned our plans to enter Dallas by any means."

The purchase of the International and Great Northern properties by the Gulf Coast lines will not affect Dallas in any way, in the opinion of Gen. Hulen, but will furnish the Gulf Coast system with roads into two important Mexican gateways, at Brownsville and at Laredo. The I. & G. N. has a line from San Antonio to Laredo, and also from Fort Worth to Houston and Galveston.

Rotary Clubs Treats High School

By HAROLD WRIGHT

The Rotary club held its regular weekly luncheon in the cafeteria of the Mexia High School Thursday at noon. After the luncheon the students and faculty of the school were invited to assemble with the members of the club in the auditorium to hear the address given by the guest of honor, Major Mills of Corsicana.

Major Mills was introduced by Mr. Berry, president of the Rotary club. His subject for discourse was Texas History. The speaker emphasized the fact that Texas has the greatset history of any state in the Union, and that her heroes rank as high as those of the earlier period of our nation. He made mention of the events that occurred at the Alamo, Goliad, and San Jacinto, giving interesting accounts of each.

The audience greatly appreciated the address given by Major Mills, and the High School wishes to thank the Rotary club for bringing this privilege to its students and faculty.

Glee Club Holds "Peppy" Meeting

Wednesday afternoon the Glee club met in the auditorium of the Mexia High School, and elected new officers. The following officers were elected: Birdie Crider as president; Aileen Tittle as vice president; Velma Wallace as secretary and treasurer and Undine Weaver as reporter. After all the business details had been completed, there followed a "peppy." Everyone was made lively by the effective tones of "Oh Me, Oh My." The Glee club adjourned to meet Friday, Feb. 15, 1924.

Friday Feb. 15, 1924, the Glee club met at the home of Birdie Crider for its first social. When we had all gathered here, everyone was tired and worn out. However, when practice began, led by our most capable leader, Miss Leabetter, all began smiling and were full of pep. After practice the club was called to order by the president, Birdie Crider. All business having been completed, refreshments were served by the assistance of Mrs. Crider. Everyone present had an enjoyable time. The club adjourned to meet Wednesday, Feb. 20.

—Reporter.

MABLE CASTLE WANTED

There is a notice on the bulletin board at the postoffice stating that Mable Castle is wanted to call Breckenridge for a death message. Or see the postmaster.

North of Teague Test Promising

The Shirley and Gilespie well on the Hackney-Weaver tract 4 miles northwest of Teague is drilling below 3000 feet and showing is encouraging. Little publicity has been given this test but the bit has been steadily going down seeking the sand encountered at 2978 feet in the well drilled ½ mile east of present location in 1921 which at that depth found a rich oil bearing sand. Cores taken indicate a very favorable formation and the chalk was entered about 20 feet higher than in the well drilled in 1921, having been entered at this time at 2915. At 1960 it is reported a strong gas pressure was in evidence. This location is considered prominent geologically and much scouting is being noted. This may be considered the "crucial" period for this well and should the sand again be encountered it is expected that lease values will go far above prices now being paid.

AUSTIN.—Robin Red Breast must not be molested, the state game, fish and oyster commission has warned. Alarmed by the reported wholesale slaughter of robins, the commission has called attention to the state and federal statutes prohibiting the killing of these birds. Several fines have been levied against offenders.

CLOTHING CLASS STARTS SPRING WORK AT HI SCHOOL

By GEORGIA HOOVER

Since Christmas the second year Home Economics Class has started their spring wardrobe with gingham dresses. What is more suggestive of spring than a cool colored gingham dress? The class has already made one allotment of pretty and attractive wash dresses. Each girl was required to make this dress principally to learn how to make a dress without a pattern and for the purpose of creating new ideas and designs. Before the end of the term they will make a Hofflin suit, a linen dress, a sheer wash dress, a man's shirt, a tailored dress and probably a few projects in madeover frocks and a suit.

Nowadays one's money is spent more for clothes than for any other thing. In order to have just as nice clothes, but at less expense we have made out budgets which estimate approximately the per cent of one's income that may be spent for clothes. This gives each girl a chance to determine her share of the family income which she may spend for her clothes. This training in the budget system teaches each girl how she may have the clothes she desires yet stay within the family income.

The clothing contest will be held in Galveston this year and we are looking forward with all anticipation. The advantages of the contest will be many and each girl is striving to attain the honor of representing the Mexia High School in this clothing contest.

Girl's Club Has Unusual Program

By OREE STEPHENS

The members of the Athenaem Society enjoyed an unusually good program at their regular meeting Thursday afternoon. The attendance was almost one hundred per cent and four new members were added.

The first and probably the most enjoyed number on the program was a Valentine Dance by one of the Physical Training Classes. There was a Valentine Story, a short debate on the subject, "Resolved that students having an average of ninety per cent or over should be exempt from final examinations," and a discussion of the origina of Valentine Day. The term of the acting officers having expired, new officers were elected. Aileen Tittle was made president and Lurlie Betts, secretary.

The members heard with deep regret that Miss Vest who has so faithfully sponsored the club since its organization had found it necessary to give up her place with the club because of other responsibilities. While they regret that they must give up Miss Vest, the girls gladly welcome their new sponsor, Mrs. Krueger.

Before adjournment, the club was invited into the cafeteria where delightful refreshments were served by Miss Vest. An especial mark of honor at this meeting was the presence of Superintendent and Principal, Mr. Puckett and Mr. Andrews.

HALIFAX, N. S.—Nova Scotia now possesses one motor car for every 29 inhabitants.

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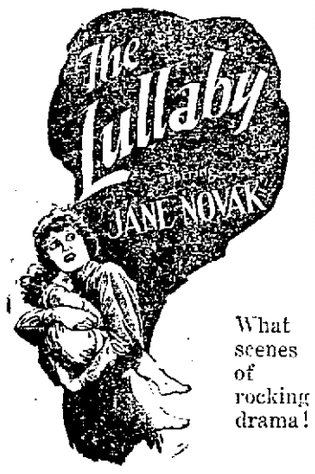

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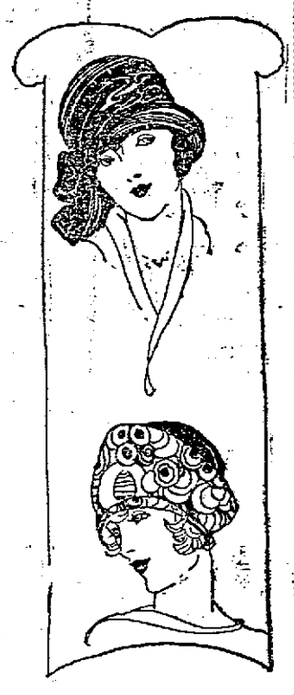

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